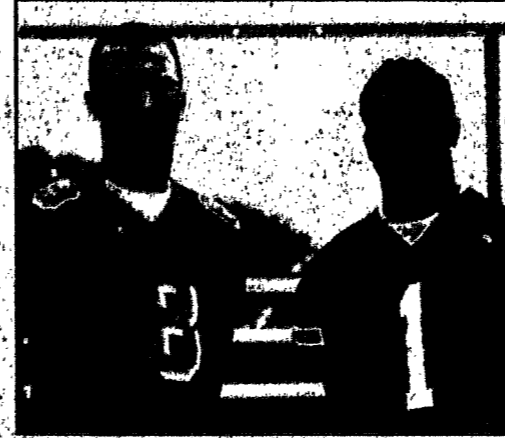


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Bay High Band wraps presents

The Bay High Band Boosters will be wrapping Christmas gifts in front of Cato's in Waveland this Saturday, Dec. 15, and Saturday, Dec. 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Funds will be used to raise bus fare for a special Disney World performance.

Bay High Band concert Dec. 20

The Bay High Band and Chorus will present a Christmas Concert on Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Robert V. Magee Auditorium. Admission is two non-perishable food items, which will be donated to the Bay St. Louis Food Pantry.

Coast Chorale performs carols

The Coast Chorale will perform Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" this Sunday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Biloxi. Open to all.

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Christmas in Waveland



The St. Clare Elementary Choir, directed by Sheila Twigg, performs at the Waveland Festival of Lights Saturday.

St. Augustine plans new retreat center

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer
St. Augustine Seminary plans to raze its retreat center and construct a new one after receiving a "generous" gift from an unnamed benefactor.

There was a huge garage sale at the center last weekend, where everything from furniture to clothing to books was sold. The news began to spread during the sale that the place was being emptied out to make way for demolition.

On Tuesday, Father Bob Kelly, director of development, confirmed, "We plan to build a new retreat center within the next 10 to 12 months."

The Echo learned Father Clifton Labee, Provincial of St. Augustine, was in charge of the construction project.

Father Labee estimated the cost of constructing the new facility would be around \$2 million, and an architect and general contractor have already been selected.

The Baton Rouge firm of Grace and Herbert have designed the building, and it will be constructed by GM&R of Waveland, Father Labee said. He said demolition of the



The St. Augustine Seminary retreat center in Bay St. Louis will soon be razed to make room for a new facility.

old building was expected. The new St. Augustine to begin after the first of Retreat Center will also be the year and construction of red brick, and all on one of the new facility within the next six months.

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Space theme park planned

'Disney-style, NASA history'
facility coming to Hancock

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Developers of a multimillion-dollar space attraction in south Mississippi believe they can lure 500,000 visitors a year with a little shake, rattle and roar, and other unique exhibits. The yet-unnamed, \$50 million-plus attraction will be a marriage of Disney style and NASA history, featuring hands-on exhibits and simulations that highlight Mississippi's contributions to the U.S. space program, organizers say. The 60,000-square-foot facility is planned along heavily traveled Interstate 10 near NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center in Hancock County. The highway, already a key route to Mississippi's Gulf Coast casinos, connects the nation's east and west coasts.

"Everything the United States has put in space has come through Mississippi," said Rod Hartung of Pascagoula, part of a volunteer group spearheading the project. "Every rocket engine is tested at Stennis before it's

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'Father J' laid to rest, remembered

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
PUBLISHER
EMERITUS

The American Bay News at half-mast this week at Hancock Medical Center in memory of Trustee President Rev. Charles R. Johnson, who died in his sleep on Sunday.

"Father J," as he was affectionately known by parishioners, students and the community, arrived in Bay St. Louis as rector at Christ Episcopal Church in 1948. It is a position he held for 36 years.

Those who knew him best - and there are so many - refer to him as a pastor, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, grand paw, humanitarian, confidant, philanthropist, educator, advisor, role model, ecumenical, civic leader, man of vision, and someone who worked to see that everyone in the community received the best healthcare possible.



Rev. Charles R. "Father J." Johnson died Sunday.

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Beachfront owners form new group

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Beachfront property owners have formed a new organization to monitor and have input into any future developments planned in the area.

Days before the organizational meeting, a group of citizens distributed a flyer warning beachfront residents, "There are some politicians who want to take some of your property."

The warning was enough to attract a crowd of about 70 who gathered at the main Hancock County Library Saturday morning to hear details and the purpose for forming what will be known as the Bay-Waveland Beachfront Association. The new neighborhood group would replace the Bay-Waveland Beachfront Improvement Association, whose membership had dwindled to about five, organizers said.

Russell Protti said it was his

hope the organization would be pro-active, but not adversarial.

"We want to be part of the decision process, working with elected officials," said Protti. He added, "We're not rabble-rousers. We want to try to work in a collaborative way."

Protti then attacked the latest order from Hancock County supervisors instructing beachfront residents they must remove plants or other obstacles obstructing the county's 60-foot right-of-way along the beach. He said some residents have complied, while others have not, and the county's enforcement of the order is "arbitrary and capricious."

Sheila McCarthy told those in the audience the purpose of the new organization was "to protect and perpetuate the cultural and recreational values of the beachfront for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike." She said immediate

plans were to research the minutes of Board of Supervisors meetings to determine when the 60-foot-right-of-way was established and whether it was established legally.

Jean McCall said proposed dues to belong to the organization was \$20 a year, and plans were for two meetings a year in October and March, but special meetings could be called when needed.

McCall said she wanted to dispel the myth that most owners of beachfront property are from out of state. "That's not the case. Most of us are voters," she said. She said the organization plans a newsletter to keep out-of-town property owners informed. One member in the audience suggested opening up the membership to include all those living in the area stretching from front beach to the railroad tracks.

That idea was tabled after

others thought some people closer to the railroad track might not have the same concerns or goals of those owning beachfront property.

There was also lengthy discussion on why the county choose to enforce the right-of-way now and reclaim the land.

Protti managed to get a motion passed seeking information under the Freedom of Information Act. The organization will ask the county to furnish minutes of meetings or other records or any application for funding that might lead to installing a third lane on Beach Boulevard.

None of the five county supervisors attended the meeting Saturday, which was open to the public.

Bill Conery was listed as president of the new organization; Joe Viguerie, vice-president; Jean McCall, treasurer; and Ralph Dagnall, secretary.

Things are jumping at Stennis Airport

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

They come. They jump. They love it.

Hancock County's Stennis International Airport is fast becoming the favorite jump spot for Navy SEAL units and other military personnel from across the country.

All last week, from Saturday to Friday, members of Special Boat Unit 20 out of Norfolk, Virginia trained side-by-side with other SEALs from Special Boat Unit 22, which makes it permanent home at the Stennis Space Center. Others came to jump from Eglin Air Force Base in Panama City, Florida and from Fort Walton.

An Air Force C-130 Cargo plane was flown in from Ohio to use in the exercise. The giant plane circled the airport several times each day, dropping the men from an altitude of 12,500 feet. Each time groups of five glided down safely to a grassy area off the main runway.

Unit 22 Commanding Officer Benny Green was on hand to observe the jumps, along with Unit 20 Commander Patrick Sullivan.

Airport Manager Bill Cotter said the local SEAL unit helped spread the word that Stennis was available to military personnel who need to be recertified for jumping.

Three weeks ago, another elite SEAL unit from Virginia City, Virginia came to jump at Stennis, and more are scheduled to arrive in February, Cotter said.

Initially, Cotter said the men elected to stay at a motel in nearby Slidell, but once the community got involved, more and more of them are staying at the Casino Magic resort.

"Most of them get a per diem of \$74-a-day," said Cotter. "They can stay at the Magic for much less than they spend in Slidell and have money left over to spend in town or at the casino."

Cotter credited his secretary, Cheryl Coogan, and newcomer Sharon Demetz with getting the Coleman Avenue Coalition involved in efforts to feed the men while they train at Stennis and making them aware of the fine restaurants and shops in the Bay-Waveland area.

Demetz said she and her husband came to the Waveland, and fell in love with Waveland. They have since bought a home in Waveland and now split their time between Waveland and their home in Houston.

"I didn't know anybody in town, but I went to a meeting of the Coleman Avenue Coalition, and I told them it would be nice to do something to make the military personnel training here feel more at home," said DeMetz.

"They jumped at the chance to do something," she said.

Ricky Peters, owner of Ricky's Restaurant, treated the men to lunch at his Coleman



Above and below: A Navy SEAL makes a smooth descent at Stennis International Airport after jumping out of a C-130 cargo plane from an altitude of 12,500 feet.



Avenue eatery one day.

"Some of them had never eaten crayfish etouffee," said Coogan. "They loved it. Of course, they tried the fried catfish, too."

Julie Muench, the owner of Baytiques Coffee Shop, came out Monday with gourmet coffee for the men, and also made sandwiches.

"All during the week, there was food and drink available for the men inside the airport's Fire Department building."

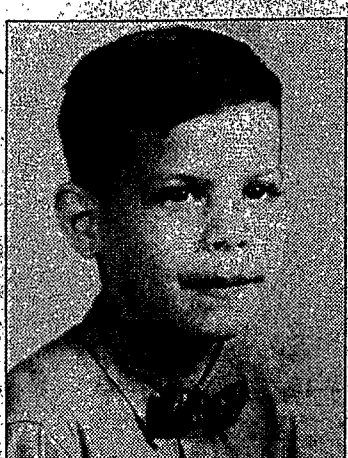
One day, the Coalition provided hot dogs, Cotter said. Another day, it was spaghetti.

Besides impacting the local economy, the training sessions are also benefiting the airport and Phillips Aviation, which sells fuel at the airport, said Cotter.

"By the time they left here Friday, they probably used between 12,000 and 15,000-gal-

lons of fuel," Cotter said. "It's a win-win situation. We love having them and they love to come here."

Cotter said others who have come to Stennis to train from areas as far away as Cheyenne, Wyoming, tell their families about the Bay-Waveland area and often return to vacation here.



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effective Dec. 12, at legal sunrise. Area I "B" Conditionally Approved Waters includes St. Joseph's or "St. Joe" Reef. For more information with respect to the open and closed areas, call the 24-hour Oyster Information Hotline at (228) 374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.

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Father J -- Laid to rest

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Father J began his pastorate in Bay St. Louis by suffering a setback on the first Sunday he was to preach - he was seriously injured in a natural gas explosion in his apartment.

He weathered that adversity, in addition to having his church flattened by Hurricane Camille in 1969.

While recovering from burns at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans, he began developing plans for a new elementary school. Christ Episcopal School opened its first grade in 1950 and continues today as Coast Episcopal. He served 25 years as the school's headmaster.

Rev. Johnson was appointed to Hancock General Hospital's board of trustees in 1967 and was elected president in 1971. He continued in that position after the hospital became Hancock Medical Center, right up until his death.

Many of the memories of "Father J" include:

• Hal W. Leftwich, FACHE, HMC administrator - "The modern hospital we have today is due in part to the inspired leadership of Rev. Johnson. He had a vision and along the way we achieved many goals... a replacement facility in 1987; ER expansion in 1993; the opening of a three-story patient services tower in 1998. He never stopped thinking in terms of the future of excellence and growth."

"His most recent challenge was funding a \$3.5 million expansion project now on the drawing board. We will continue on that one and make him proud."

"The respect of our medical staff and community leaders

helped promote progress through business and political relationships throughout his 34-year tenure on the Board of Trustees. Fellow trustees respected his leadership qualities, re-electing him president for the majority of his term.

"He was a champion for quality healthcare for all residents, regardless of their age, where they lived, or ability to pay for services. He challenged the hospital to be fiscally responsible and avoid incurring long-term debt while providing compassionate care to all in need. Services in Kiln, at Port Bienville, multiple locations at Diamondhead, and school clinics - all these are testaments to his leadership and commitment to making Hancock County a better place to live."

• Emily deMontluzin, a member of Christ Episcopal Church since 1940 - "I have seen the impact he has made on this community, not only the people of the church and the Episcopal School, but through the hospital and his many deeds of kindness."

"When I visited him last week, the last thing Father Johnson said to me was, 'There is always something new to learn.'"

• Rev. Arthur (Nick) Johnson, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church - "I enjoyed having him as a great friend and companion in ministry. Since his return from the Holy Land these past several weeks, the altar was bare."

"I was informed during the end of the service Sunday morning that he had just died and when I made the announcement, there was a

very audible gasp from the whole congregation."

• Bill Tate, HMC trustee vice-president - "To me he will be greatly missed as he touched so many people and helped them to focus on the things important in life and help build up their morale when they were down, and that was people of all religions."

• Dusty Rhodes, HMC trustee treasurer and Chamber of Commerce president - "Father J was well respected in the community. He was a role model not only for the religious, but also for civic leaders, in all of his endeavors."

"I found him to be very focused and dedicated to the efforts of Hancock Medical Center."

• Bobby Baxter HMC trustee secretary - "He always looked for the best interest of medical care for patients and was a dedicated servant."

• Dr. Ted Willis, HMC medical staff member - "He was the one who made all the tough decisions. Always willing to stick his neck out to make the hospital grow in a competitive market."

"Rev. Johnson was always open and responsive to the needs of the physicians. You always felt like you had someone who would always listen to you and was a doctor friendly president of the trustees. He was a great personal friend of mine."

• Theresa Bourgeois, HMC director of volunteer services - "The welfare of patients and employees was his top priority."

No doubt about it, he was very instrumental in the growth of HMC."

• Geraldine Lang, chairwoman of Hancock County Community Task Force to Save Our Children, (S.O.C.) - "In the beginning Rev. Johnson came to our rescue as we prepared our building. He helped us obtain the necessary resources and received help from places we would never have."

"Myself, as a patient at HMC, he would visit me frequently making sure I received the best of care."

• Dave Pernaich, HMC trustee for over 20 years - "He was very much a man of his word. If he told you something, you could depend on it. If you knew him, you knew where he was coming from."

• Father A.F. Theriault, retired pastor of St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church - "He had a heart as big as himself that knew no distinction among men and women, young, or old. He was a wonderful man and indeed a true friend."

"I can well remember Father J, as one of the 'grandpaws' at Bay-Waveland Headstart, there every day helping mold the lives of the so young. He gave his time and gifts too."

Rev. Johnson and his wife Harriett Helen Ostrander were married in 1951, and they had five children. He was preceded in death by his wife. In addition to his children he is survived by 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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put into use. We want people to know that and more."

A big attraction will be an exhibit that simulates the test firing of a Space Shuttle engine. People will be able to see, hear and feel the fiery breathe of an engine during a mock blast.

Also planned:

• A large-screen, Imax-type theater.

• A lunar module, space suit and other items from past space flights.

• A large restaurant with Southern fare.

• A Mississippi heritage display.

Other interactive exhibits that showcase the state's high-tech and environmental achievements.

Final designs for the project are not yet complete. Hartung, a retired Chevron executive, and other volunteers plan to release renderings, specific costs, construction timetables and other information next month.

For now, they're hoping to open the attraction in 2004.

Peter Pantuso, president of the American Bus Association in Washington, D.C., said the Stennis attraction should become an appealing offering for tour bus operators in the region.

"Educational trips to museums and science centers are some of the most popular tours," Pantuso said. "Our most successful companies have a variety of products to choose from."

With financial assistance from NASA, the group of Mississippi volunteers has hired BRC Imagination Arts in Burbank, Calif., to develop the concept and master plan.

BRC's clients include Walt Disney, Imagination, Universal Studios and Warner Bros.

The I-10 project will incorporate an already popular attraction at Stennis called StennisSphere, which last year was named Mississippi's top tourist draw with more than 250,000 visitors.

StennisSphere will be moved from within the space center, and its offerings will be expanded.

Relocating the existing exhibit will improve security at the 40-year-old space center, NASA officials said.

Stennis has been the nation's lead rocket test facility since the 1960s. Every Space Shuttle main engine is tested at the site, located in a remote part of southwest Mississippi near the banks of the Pearl River. Four decades after pioneer German rocket scientist Wernher von Braun launched the test-site project, Stennis has evolved into a world-class research facility where more than 30 government agencies and private partners oversee programs involving space exploration, weather and national defense.

Those aspects of the space center, which employs 4,600 people, also will be featured in the new attraction.

For example, expect to learn about the Navy SEALs, the unconventional warfare unit trained to function in the water or near shorelines. The SEALs have a boat unit at Stennis.

Hartung said the nonprofit group is counting on federal, state and private funds to complete the attraction. He declined to say how much NASA had provided so far.

Leo Seal Jr., chairman of Gulfport-based Hancock Bank and head of the volunteer organization, touted the attraction at a recent meeting of the Mississippi Economic Council, the state's chamber of commerce.

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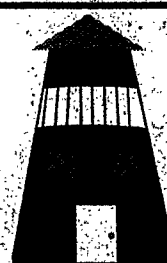
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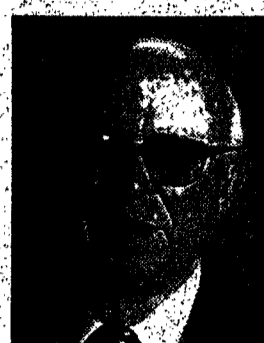
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Mardi Gras is just around the corner

Like many of you, I watch a few professional and college football games on television each week during the season.

I know there are those who watch many more games than I do, but I sure have observed a new trend in both the pros and college teams, and that is that there are no longer as many dominant teams as in my earlier years.

In the pros there are no longer the teams that go undefeated or possibly lose only one game a season.

This, I feel has really made the sport more interesting for spectators.

There were the teams like the Baltimore Colts, Dallas Cowboys, Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers, Oklahoma, Notre Dame, UCLA, and others; you could depend on winning each week.

Better balance of players has made a tremendous change in the outcome of games. This has really added excitement to the sport and the reason I feel more and more folks are attending or watching the games on television.

In college play this year there were so many upsets, one can almost say any team could be knocked off on any weekend.

In the professional ranks, the teams who were supposed to dominate their conferences have not been doing so well with not too many games left.

The competition has really changed my interest in the sport.

Do not forget the Hancock County Chamber of

Commerce Business After Hours this evening from 5 to 7.

Sponsors are Lighting Quick Signs and Bay Carpet at their new locations 206 and 208 Highway 90, Waveland.

There will be a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. followed by the After Hours.

Refreshments and snacks will be provided, and there will be drawings for several door prizes. Remember to bring along a couple of your business cards.

There will be parking available in the rear.

I hope to see you at the After Hours this evening.

I realize it is a bit early to start talking about Mardi Gras, but it is just around the corner.

The Krewe of Nereids parade is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 3, which is early for the event.

The Krewe of Nereids is now inviting community groups to enter and join in the fun.

Entries may be floats, marching or walking groups, dancers, maskers or other types of family entertainment groups.

The accepted entries will follow the Krewe of Eros which follows Nereids two Sundays before Mardi Gras Day.

For more information and entry forms, call Mrs. Richmond at 467-9057, extension 227, weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or 255-8271 after 6 p.m.

Entry forms may also be obtained at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce office, Bay St. Louis.

TOO MANY COOKS IN THE KITCHEN



Letters to the Editor

Life of a volunteer firefighter

To the Editor:
This letter is a response to the letter from a anonymous witness about a fire that happened on Koerner Road and to elaborate on Assistant Chief Matt Sekinger.

First I need to give you an insight on the life of a volunteer firefighter. You do not know how many times my son has asked me, "Dad, do we have to go to the fire station again?" - with him knowing that we will be there a few hours to train, go over some paperwork, or just to clean the equipment that was used just a few hours ago at a house fire that has already taken up to three or four hours of his quality time with his Dad.

A wife who has slept alone or eaten the dinner she cooked that is now cold, because you were "putting out" someone's house that was on fire and not even knowing that person.

Better yet, get out of your bed at 4 o'clock on a cold rainy morning to a car wreck when someone is seriously injured or deceased knowing that you have to be to work in a little while.

So you call to let your boss know that you will be late for work again because of the fire department. Wow, now this is costing me money.

Or to go to a medical call of someone having a heart attack and do chest compressions on that person all the way to the hospital. Don't sound like much. Well, try it. You will be mentally and physically drained, and you dare not stop because that stranger's life is in your hands, and that person has a wife or husband, son or a daughter who so desperately do not want that person to die.

Now to elaborate on Assistant Chief Sekinger. I have been lucky to control a lot of fires and to attend a lot of classes with him, like County and State Fire Fighting Certification, Medical First Responder and State Certified E.M.S. Driver Class.

Though I am not in his department and I was not at that fire, I really do not believe he would have pumped mud through that new fire truck, nor would the firefighters of Bay St. Louis who were relaying water to East Hancock's fire truck.

You know my Mom had a saying, "If you can't say anything good, don't say nothing at all." Now, what I think is pitiful is people who complain about how bad fire departments are and how no good the people are, but yet I hear of no one volunteering their time to help us do better or donating some money to buy better equipment!

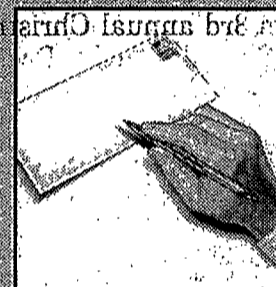
Now, what I think would be nice is an apology to my ex-wife, my son, and my new girlfriend for putting up with this kind of life. The life of an "UNPAID" professionals firefighter. Also, before I forget, the answer to the old question of "What took you so long?" Here is the answer.

See, it is like this. A lot of the people driving in Hancock County love to drive in the left lane, you know, the one that is supposed to be used to pass a slower-moving vehicle. Then when a fire truck, ambulance, or even a police vehicle gets behind you and you refuse to yield to the right, well, that is what took us so long!

Chief John Favaloro Sr.
Bayside Volunteer Fire Department

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Bridge improvements save many lives

Dear Editor:

Since 1983 I have daily traveled the Bay St. Louis Hwy. 90 Bridge. Over these years I have many times been held up by accidents - crossovers - where some person has been fatally injured or damaged.

Today, when I travel I see the tire rubber marks against the new barrier that prevents the crossovers. Sometimes these rub marks go on for a 100 yards or more as a vehicle slammed into the barrier. Each time I see a new set of tire rubs I think "Thank God, someone was spared."

In addition to the benefits of the bridge barrier, the bend of Henderson Point also seems to have become less dangerous due to the re-alignment. I live on Pass Christian Isles and have witnessed the evidence of so much pain.

I'll never forget some of the

people I have known who lost their lives on the bridge. The lovely and sweet nurse, Kim, who died and her infant maimed; Martha, vibrant, alive with the thrill of building her dream home on an island died as a vehicle crash into hers.

I waited in line for the traffic from that crash and never realized it was Martha. Martha would show me photographs that her builder sent several times a week. She loved her husband, her dog, both of whom survived the accident.

The bridge had a toll on it that wasn't counted at the bank - it was a death toll counted in lives. Anyone who has lived here for years can name those they knew that lost their lives.

Thank God for the barrier on the bridge.

Allyson Keller.
Pass Christian

TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant
GENERAL

Q What information regarding bids received should be included in the minutes of a governing board?

A The name of the bidder submitting the lowest and best bid and the total amount awarded to that bidder should be entered on the minutes of the board.

Further, the minutes should also reflect the name of each bidder and the amount of his

bid.
(Attorney General's opinion to Mayfield dated August 24, 2001)

Q Does a county have the authority to renumber houses and enforce a numbering system on the citizens of a city within the county for the purpose of implementing the E-911 system?

A No. Since Sections 21-37.3, 65-7-141 and 65-7-143 give the governing authorities of municipalities the full jurisdiction over

municipal streets and therefore the authority to number or renumber the houses within the corporate limits, the county must use the map or plat of the numbered houses approved by the municipality.

(Attorney General's opinion to Clements dated August 10, 2001)

Q May the governing authorities of counties, municipalities, schools, community colleges, universities and other local governmental entities make electronic transfers of payments for

payroll related items and for other claims in general?

A Yes. Pursuant to Senate Bill 2678 (Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, Regular Session, 2001) the entities listed may make electronic transfers or payments for payroll related items and claims in general, subject to systems and procedures established by the Office of the State Auditor under the authority of Section 7-7-211 to ensure the safe handling of the funds involved.

(Attorney General's opinion to Bryant dated August 10, 2001)

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Band members in the 70's, bottom right to left: Vocals and keyboards, Felix Werner; vocals and guitar, Danny Pernicaro; roadie, Larry Werner; and bassist Ben Silvestri. Top right to left: Drummer Mike Horne, lead and steel guitar, Tommy Moran, and vocalist Cheryl McCulough-Iwanchyk.

'Corruption' to benefit kids

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Local 1970's band Corruption will hold a benefit concert this Saturday, Dec. 15 from 8-12 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center. All proceeds will be donated to "Christmas for Kids" which helps children who may not otherwise receive Christmas gifts with donations of toys and gifts.

The band, who will present the concert with all the original members, played their first concert in 1970. They were well known around the area for their concerts at youth centers, weddings, and Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day concerts held on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

The group also traveled extensively throughout the Gulf Coast and East Coast for about three years. Some of the members of the band went on to play with other bands.

The original band held its first reunion in more than 20 years in 1999, when they played another Christmas benefit concert for the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

"The turnout was so good that we decided to do it again," said drummer Mike Horne. "This is only the second time we have played together since the 70's."

The band got together while many of the group were in high school. "We had a party every Friday night and jammed, and

the group came out of that," said Horne.

"We used to play every weekend and drive all night Sunday to get back in time to go to work on Monday," said Horne of the band's younger days.

"I have no regrets. You meet a lot of people, and music is a natural high."

The band will be playing some of its old standards such as Carly Simon, the Eagles, Charly Daniels and others. They are also learning some new songs, Horne said.

Tickets for the benefit are \$25 per couple, which includes set-ups and door prizes. If you are interested, call Horne at 466-6458 evenings or 209-0227 days.

Clermont Harbor holiday events planned

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The Clermont Harbor Volunteer Fire Department will stage its 3rd annual Christmas parade Saturday night, Dec. 15, Lakeshore Road to Beach

Boulevard, to Ioor Street, ending at the railroad tracks. Santa Claus will be waiting for children to take pictures on his knee at the Fire Station on Clermont Boulevard.

In addition, Santa will be escorted by the Volunteer Fire Department to Gulfview Elementary at 9 a.m., Friday, Dec. 21. He plans to visit children in the pre-K through 3rd grade.

The Clermont Harbor Civic Association is again awarding prizes for the best Christmas decorations in the Lakeshore neighborhood. First prize is \$25, 2nd is \$15 and 3rd is \$10. The date of judging is Dec. 21, and prizes will be awarded between Christmas and New Year's.

E. Hancock Elem. opens Egyptian display to public

The fourth and fifth grade gifted students at East Hancock Elementary, 4221 Kiln-Delisle Road in Kiln, have created "The People and Discoveries of Ancient Egypt Museum" to be presented Dec. 12-14.

This hand-made museum will display Egyptian artifacts uncovered during a classroom archeological dig with research information accompanying each artifact.

Housed in the museum are student-created models of the Sphinx, the Great Pyramid of Giza, a sarcophagus and mummy, the Nile River, and an Egyptian house.

On Friday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon, fifth graders will

be dressed as wax figures of the ancient Egyptian gods that come to life to tell about themselves as people tour the museum.

For more information, contact Principal Cheryl Ramseyer at 255-6637.

Second Friday Book Club set at Kiln Library

The Second Friday Book Club, cosponsored by Gloria Burlette and the Kiln Public Library, will meet Friday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. The group will discuss *Hostage* by Robert Crais. Each month the group discusses a different book.

More information on the group is available by calling Gloria Burlette at 255-9097, or Sandra Ladner at the Kiln Public Library at 255-1724.

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Nereids seek parade entries

The Krewe of Nereids announces its annual parade scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. The Krewe invites community groups to enter and join the fun. Entries may be floats, marching or walking groups, dancers, maskers or other types of family entertainment groups. Prizes will be awarded in four categories: Walking groups, business-sponsored floats, neighborhood-sponsored floats and floats sponsored by other krewe. For more information and entry forms, call Mrs. Richmond at 467-9057, extension 227 (8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays) or 255-8271 (after 6 p.m.). A complete set of parade rules will be sent at time of entry. Entry forms may also be obtained at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce office in Bay St. Louis.

The Nereids parade route follows Highway 90 in Waveland from Choctaw Plaza to the Bay St. Louis Post Office and returns to Waveland Avenue. Deadline for entries is Jan. 20.

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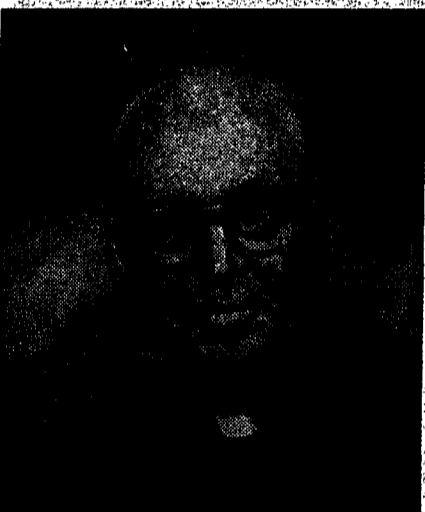
ROGER ALLEN SR.
Roger Dale Allen Sr., 52, of Kiln, died Friday, Dec. 7, 2001, in Kiln.

Mr. Allen was born July 24, 1949, in Lyman. He was a designer and builder of yards and gardens in Diamondhead.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Bertie Lee Wheat Allen; and three brothers, Henry Ervon Allen Jr., Danny Ray Allen and Ernest Loren Allen.

Survivors include his wife, Gayle O'Shields-Allen of Kiln; two sons, Rocky Allen of Lizana and Vincent Allen of Gulfport; two stepsons, Jonathon Morgan of Pass Christian and Christopher O'Shields of San Diego, Calif.; a brother, Carson Ladner of Pass Christian; five sisters, Phyllis Zeigler of Norwalk, Ohio, Evelyn Marcae of Toronto, Canada, Peggy Bothwell of Geneva, Fla., Donna Kymard of Lizana and Ruby Thibodeaux of Saucier; and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted Tuesday at St. William Catholic Church in Pass Christian. Burial was in Rotten Bayou Cemetery, directed by Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.



REV. CHARLES JOHNSON

The Rev. Charles R. "Father J" Johnson, 83, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Rev. Johnson was a resident of Bay St. Louis for 53 years and actively served the community until the time of his death. He was born Feb. 13, 1918 in Omaha, Neb., and spent his formative years on the family farm during the Dust Bowl era. He returned to Omaha where he

was graduated from high school and became an underwriter for Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company.

He attended night classes at the University of Wisconsin when he answered the call to enter the ministry. He transferred to Carroll College in Waukesha, Wis., where he obtained his bachelor of arts degree. He then entered into studies at Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary where he obtained a master of divinity degree. After his ordination, he returned to Omaha where he served as associate rector at All Saints Episcopal Church for 2 1/2 years.

In 1947 Father Johnson seized the opportunity to move South and become the curate at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral in Jackson. In 1948 he accepted the position of rector at Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis where he served his congregation for 36 years.

On the first Sunday he was scheduled to preach, Father Johnson was seriously injured in a natural gas explosion. During the several months of his recovery at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans he began developing plans for a new elementary school. In 1950 Christ Episcopal School opened its doors to its first students.

Known as Father J to generations of students, parishioners and the community, he served at Christ Episcopal School as the headmaster for a quarter of a century and continued to teach religion classes until the time of his death. In April of 1951 he married Harriett Helen Ostrander and together they had five children.

During his 53 years in Bay St. Louis he has been involved in many civic and community organizations. His longest and proudest has been his involvement with Hancock Medical Center. He has served on the Board of Trustees since 1967 and has been president of the Board of Trustees since 1971 and continued to serve in that capacity until the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Harriett Ostrander Johnson; his parents, Clarence and Matilda Burnell Johnson; and a brother, Clarence G. Johnson.

Survivors include his son, Richard (Peggy) Johnson of Bay St. Louis; four daughters, Helen Johnson Thompson of Montgomery, Ala., Elizabeth

(JoeDe) Benvenuti of Bay St. Louis, Katherine (Chuck) Culpepper of Jackson, and Anne (David) Culpepper of Brandon; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday at Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis followed by funeral services in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church and burial in St. Joseph Cemetery directed by Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to the Hancock Medical Center Foundation, 149 Drinkwater Road, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521, Coast Episcopal School, 22037 Episcopal School Road, Long Beach, MS 39560, Christ Episcopal Church or St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead.

BESSIE M. JONTÉ

Bessie M. Jonté at Ochsner Foundation Medical Center, Jefferson, LA on Sunday, December 9, 2001 at 4:45 a.m. Beloved wife of the late Armand D. Jonté, Jr. Beloved mother of Armand D. Jonté III and the late Marie Carmella Jonté. Grandmother of Katy Jonté, Sarah Jonté and Peter Jonté. Sister of Harry Monroe, Jr., Bradford Monroe, David Monroe, the late Margie Juster and Mary Allen Howard. Daughter of the late Harry A. and

Bertha Monroe. A native of New Orleans, LA and a resident of Waveland, MS for the past 6 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral Mass from the Metairie Funeral Home of LAMANA-PANNO-FALLO, 1717 Veterans Blvd. on Thursday, December 13, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. Interment Metairie Mausoleum. Visitation on Thursday, December 13, 2001 after 10:00 a.m. until funeral time. Memorial service to be announced in Waveland.

Contributions to St. Augustine Seminary, Bay St. Louis, MS would be appreciated. For more information, please call 831-9901.

RICHARD J. ROTH

Richard Joseph Roth, 88, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Roth was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Bay St. Louis for the past five years. He was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis and was a veteran

of the U.S. Coast Guard serving in World War II. He was a graduate of St. Stanislaus and was a member of the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, Bienville Club of New Orleans, Olympians, and captain of the Tally Ho Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Camors Roth; his parents, John Francis and Anna Broussard Roth; two brothers and six sisters.

Survivors include four sons, Richard J. Roth, Jr. of New Orleans, Camors Christopher Roth of Bay St. Louis, James Frederick Roth of Covington, and Brian David Roth of Mandeville; three daughters, Yvonne Roth, Gelpi of New Orleans, Alice Roth Morgan of Waveland, and Kathleen G. Roth of Mandeville; a brother, Donald Roth of New Orleans; 27 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in New Orleans followed by a Memorial Mass and Interment in Metairie Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers donations to St. Stanislaus, 304 South Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

JOSEPH THOMAS

Joseph Charles Thomas, 50, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Thomas was a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by his father, August Maurice Thomas, Sr.

Survivors include a daughter, Crystal Marie; his mother, Virginia Thomas of Bay St. Louis; five brothers, Gus Thomas, Jr. of River Ridge, La., Wayne Thomas of Covington, Gary Michael Thomas of Metairie, Donald Thomas of Waveland and Gerald Thomas of Lawrenceville, Ga.; and two sisters, Virginia Thomas of Milwaukee, Wis., and Cyndee Mairig of Bay St. Louis.

Visitation will be Friday, Dec. 14, 10-11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis followed by celebration of a Mass of Christian Burial and interment in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

Retreat

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level, Father Labee said. It will contain an administrative building, two dorm areas containing 30 bedrooms, which can accommodate two persons to a room. The facility will also have a dining hall and a chapel, Father Labee said.

The current two-story red brick structure on the campus was constructed sometime in the 1940s. Father Kelly said it was determined, "It would be cost-prohibitive" to renovate the facility and bring it up to current codes.

St. Augustine Seminary serves as the southern headquarters for the priests and brothers of the Divine Word Missionaries. The Southern Province serves Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas.

The missionary order celebrated its 75th year in Bay St. Louis in 1998, and other renovations have taken place since then.

St. Joseph's Hall, which housed the seminary office, gift shop, kitchen and dining facility, has been torn down and replaced by a new building.

Christmann Hall, the residence for the priests and brothers, has also undergone extensive renovation. That project was financed by a grant from the Generalate in Rome.

Studies are also being made on how best to restore the main chapel to its original condition using proceeds from a fund-raising campaign, Father Labee said. The moss-covered campus of St. Augustine Seminary takes up several acres of Bay St. Louis between Second Street and U.S. Hwy. 90. Neighbors and visitors alike are welcome to enjoy its meditation grove and tranquil grounds, right in the middle of a bustling downtown area.

First Baptist Church invites community to Live Nativity display

Members of First Baptist Church, 141 Main Street, Bay St. Louis invite the community to a live nativity performance in front of the church on Saturday, Dec. 15 after the Christmas Cantata, which starts at 6 p.m., and also Saturday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m.

A Christmas cantata, "An Old-fashioned Christmas," will

also be presented Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. Christmas worship services are offered Sunday, Dec. 23 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

During the Christmas season there will be regular worship services Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 10:30 and on Sunday evenings at 6.

Bible Study is offered on Sunday mornings at 9:20.

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Stolen pickup recovered, suspect arrested

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A pickup truck reported stolen last month from a Road 347 resident was recovered in Crestview, Fla. The suspect is being held in the Okaloosa County Jail said Hancock County Sheriff's Chief Investigator Bob Lambert.

The truck, a 1998 Chevy S-10 with camper, was reported stolen by Gordon Downer along with electric tools, 20,000 football cards, hand gun, TV, VCR, autographed football helmet, etc., all valued at over \$20,000 by the owner on Nov. 7, Lambert said.

The suspect, William R. Clark, with an aka of Russell, was staying at Downer's residence, and when Downer got up on the morning of Nov. 7, the truck and Russell were gone, the victim told police.

"Clark, 29, was arrested this week near Pensacola in the truck, and the majority of the items which were in the vehicle with camper were missing," Lambert said.

Extradition papers on Clark were filed on Thursday by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department, and it was

revealed that he has misdemeanor charges in Florida, and the state of Illinois also has a hold on him for a parole violation, Lambert reported.

Lambert also reported that the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics on Dec. 4 served a warrant on Carl E. Wynn and had one for his wife, Maria Wynn, 9416 Kamehamela Place, Diamondhead, on two drug charges.

Carl Wynn was booked in the Harrison County Jail with bond set at \$20,000, and his wife was booked this week in the Harrison County Jail with bond at \$20,000.

Both are charged with one count each of methamphetamine and marijuana, Lambert said.

The couple, according to Lambert, also got into a domestic on Sept. 29.

The sheriff's office was notified two days later by Carl Wynn, who said his wife cut him with a knife, then got his gun and fired it into the ceiling and fled the house.

Investigator Rita Blaize-Watson located Mrs. Wynn a week later, and neither would file charges against the other.

During a background check on Wynn it was found that he was a convicted felon in 1977 at Fairfax, Va., involving a hit-and-run with injury to a police officer. The gun was purchased before that incident, but since he was a convicted felon and due to the domestic with his wife, the gun was confiscated Lambert said.

Lambert reported further investigation revealed that in August, 1996, in Hancock County, Wynn entered a plea involving a controlled substance arrest and pled guilty to a misdemeanor and received six months suspended sentence plus \$1,000 fine and court costs.

Bible Fellowship Church to present 'Christmas Story and the Old West'

Sunday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m., Bible Fellowship Church of Pass Christian will present a Christmas program entitled "The Christmas Story and the Old West."

The story line portrays the significance of the birth of Jesus Christ for all mankind. A 19th-century frontier church will be the pivotal point bringing together the main characters of the Savior's Nativity with a few denizens of the Old West, such as Chief Goldenfeather, a Christian cowboy, gold prospectors, Chinese railway workers, and a circuit-riding preacher.

The musical drama, the text of which was written by Robert Daley of Woolmarket, is directed by Carol Mahler of Pass Christian. Bible Fellowship Church is located at 7030 Menge Avenue, at Bells Ferry Road. Everyone is invited to attend the old-fashioned cookie reception following the program. For more information, call 452-0038 or 586-1879.

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BUSINESS NEWS

FGH announces \$10 million in new contracts

FGH Engineered Products Group, the equipment segment of Friede Goldman Halter, Inc. (OTCBB: FGHLQ), announced that its AmClyde unit has signed new contracts totaling over \$10 million with several customers in the international offshore oil and gas sector.

Dick Juehlich, AmClyde president, said, "We are pleased to receive these contracts for assisting with capacity upgrades and modifications to existing AmClyde heavy-lift marine cranes, as well as several other recent contracts."

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In other developments, AmClyde was awarded a contract from CNOOC (China National Offshore Oil Corporation) to provide after-market support services for their new 3,800-ton AmClyde marine crane.

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AmClyde-Norson Engineering, the company's pipelay and cable lay equipment specialist of Glasgow, Scotland, received a contract from AIOC (Azerbaijan International Operating Company) to provide a template leveling system for the Azeri oil field.

Carrigee named to state board

Bay St. Louis building official and code enforcement officer Bill Carrigee was selected by the Board of Directors of the Association of State Floodplain Managers as the at-large member to the Certification Board of Regents.

Carrigee has previously served as the president of the association and is responsible for floodplain management in Bay St. Louis.

His oversight is crucial to keeping Bay St. Louis insurance costs low, insuring that new construction or property improvements do not have a negative effect on the city's existing drainage and floodplain management system and protects the drainage improvements made by the city during the previous four years.

Carrigee's duties on the Certification Board will include the continued development and maintenance of the certified floodplain managers exam and to sit on the Communications Committee.

Under Carrigee's direction the city of Bay St. Louis sponsors frequent seminars and workshops to improve building trade skills and knowledge for inspectors and builders throughout south Mississippi, implementing the International Building Code.

For more information on upcoming classes, contact Carrigee at 228-467-3081 or building@goldinc.com.



The Waverly Apartments located on Old Nicholson Road off Hwy 603 recently celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting. In attendance were Margaret Hadden, Dusty Rhodes, Bill Taylor, Barbara May, Stacey Netto, Joyce Fellers, Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, Joey Lagasse, and Carleen Moran. The Waverly Apartments are the newest apartment community in Bay St. Louis and offer 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units.

Navy ship to be christened Saturday in Pascagoula

One of the nation's most prestigious naval families will be honored Dec. 15, 2001, when the U.S. Navy's newest Aegis guided missile destroyer is christened at Northrop Grumman Corporation's (NYSE: NOC) Ingalls Operations here. The new ship, the DDG 89, will be launched Dec. 12 and later officially christened "MUSTIN" in recognition of a family that has devoted nearly a century of Navy service to America.

Lucy Holcomb Mustin, wife of ship's namesake Vice Adm. Henry C. Mustin, USN, retired; Jean Phillips Mustin, wife of ship's namesake Thomas Mustin, former lieutenant commander, USN; and Douglas Mustin St. Denis, sister of Vice Adm. and Mustin, will christen the vessel during a ceremony to be held at Ingalls' facilities on the west bank of the Pascagoula River. Mrs. Anne Howard Thomas, who served as Matron of Honor for the first ship named "MUSTIN" in 1938, will also serve these sponsors as Matron of Honor.

Adm. Vern Clark, USN, chief of naval operations, will deliver the ceremony's principal address.

The public is invited to the christening, which begins at 10 a.m. CST. Bus transportation will be provided from the ship-

yard's west bank parking lots to and from the christening site. Guests are requested to be at Ingalls by 9:15 a.m.

The U.S. Navy Band from New Orleans, La., will entertain guests before and during the ceremony. The Rev. M. David Watson, pastor of The Liberty Assembly of God Church in Gautier, will deliver the ceremony's invocation. The Pascagoula High School NJROTC Color Guard will participate in the festivities as well.

MUSTIN (DDG 89) is the 39th ship in the ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) Class of Aegis-guided missile destroyers, the Navy's most powerful destroyer fleet. These highly capable, multimission ships can conduct a variety of operations, from peacetime presence and crisis management to sea control and power projection.

DDG 89 is the 18th Aegis destroyer to be launched and christened of 25 ships under contract or option to Ingalls Operations. Ingalls' first 15 Aegis destroyers have been delivered to the Navy. Two additional ships now in production at Ingalls will precede DDG 89 into the fleet.

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Construction of MUSTIN (DDG 89) began on Nov. 22, 1999, and DDG 89's keel was laid on Jan. 15, 2001. When completed in 2003, MUSTIN will be homeported in San Diego as an element of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Cmdr.

Ann Phillips, USN, a native of Annapolis, Md., will be the new ship's commissioning commanding officer.



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Stanford, who is retired from the Department of the Navy, has lectured the fundamentals of patent law at the University

of New Orleans, Slidell Campus. Stanford offers free patent counseling through the USM Small Business Development Center.

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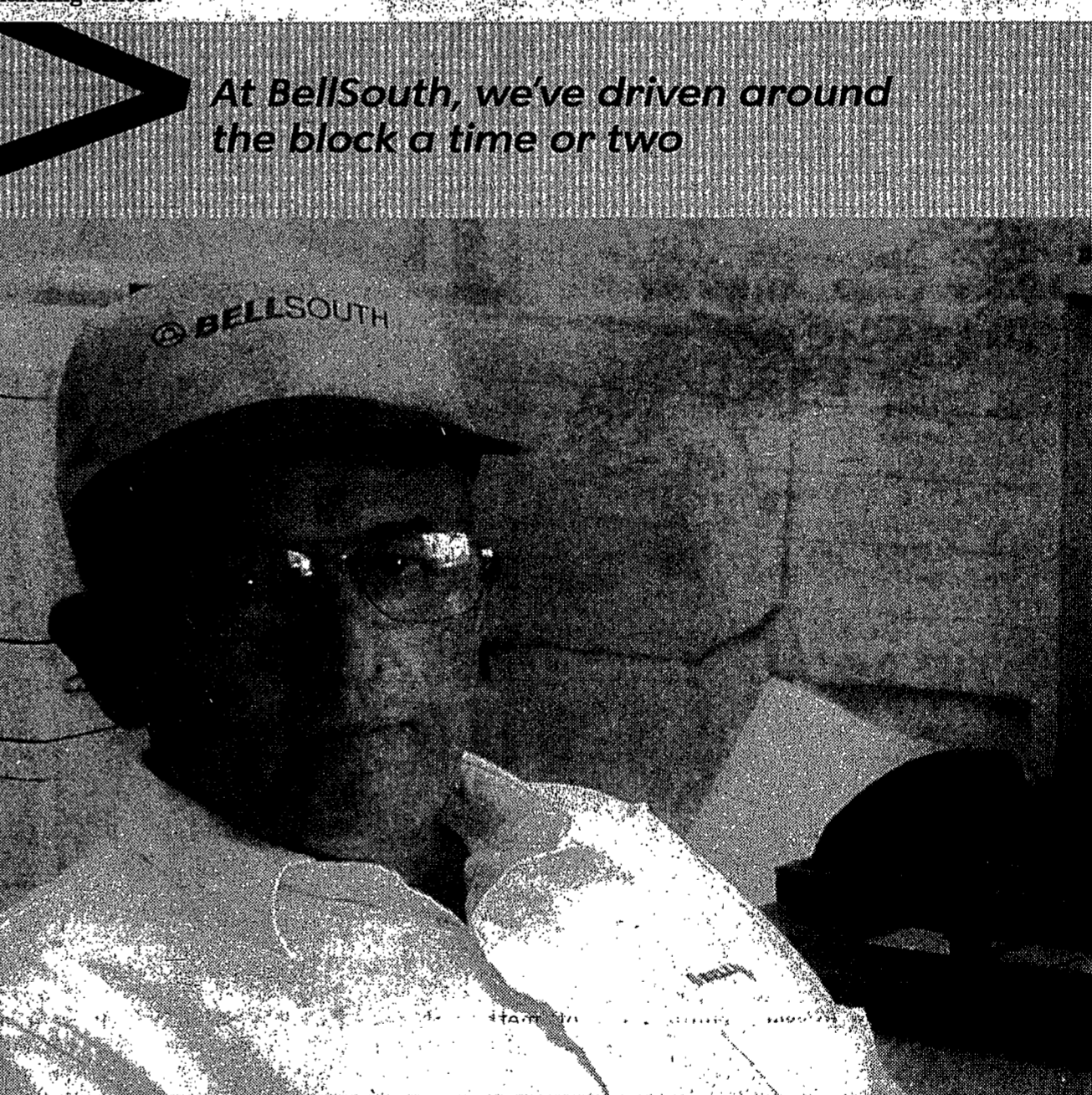


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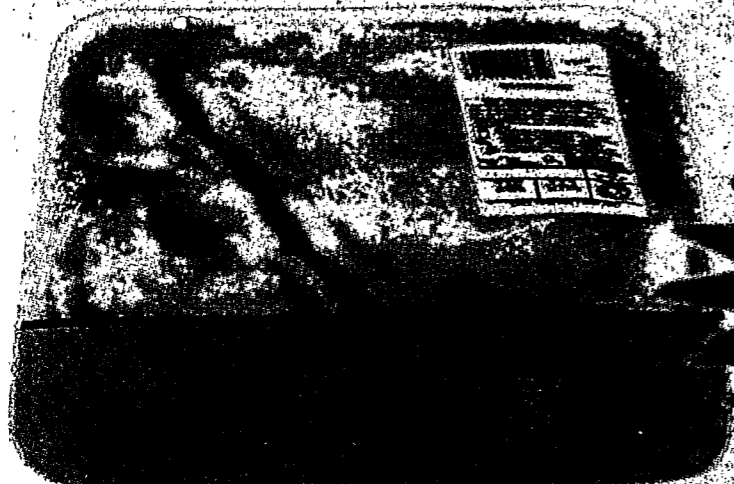
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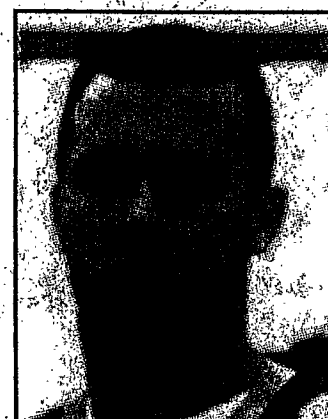
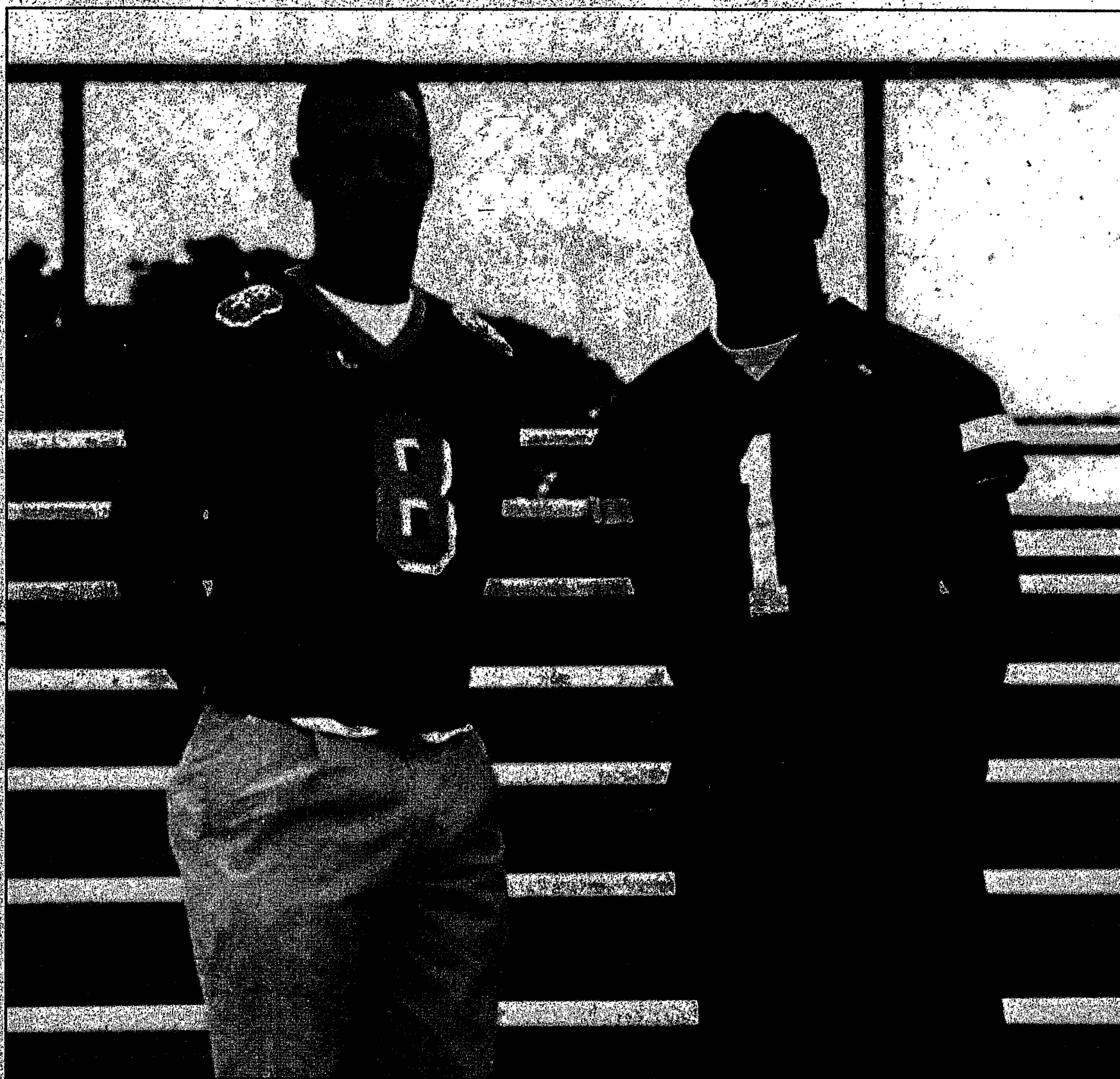
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The Sea Coast Echo

2001 Football Players of the Year



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ADAM BARRETT (Sr., 6-2, 210lbs), a four-year starter, has always been known for his toughness at the inside linebacker position. However, this season the toughness took on a different meaning. In the third game of the season, Barrett went down with a serious shoulder injury. Barrett, was back in the lineup the next game. Barrett, also the Tigers' quarterback, recorded 59 solo tackles and one interception. He had a career high 17 tackles against SSC in the fifth game of the year. Barrett was a first-team linebacker in 2000.

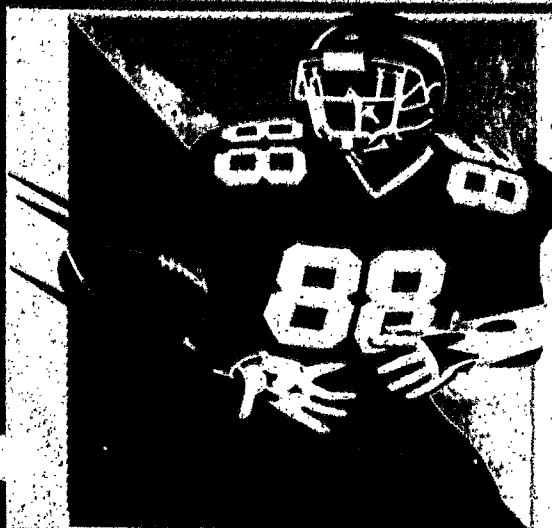
The 2001 All-Sea Coast Echo Players of the Year

Bay High's Adam Barrett (left, #8) and Pass Christian's Calvin Woods (right, #1) were chosen as the Defensive and Offensive Players of the Year in football for 2001. (Echo staff photos by Joe Gex.)



The 2001 All-Sea Coast Echo Football team

The members of the 2001 All-Sea Coast Echo Football team are Bay High's Monroe Jordan, Charles Hawkins, Kenny Smith, Seth Weigel, Tim Wright, Brent Pitre, Adam Barrett, and Terrace Thomas. Hancock players are Brandon Necaise, Donny Moran, Chase Sackett, Matt Rayborn, and Jed Duke. Pass Christian players are Maurice Hardnett, Richard Dedeaux, Craig Necaise, Calvin Woods, Jason Lizana, Rovell Thomas, Ledell Johnson, and Reggie Dedeaux. St. Stanislaus players are Gabe Willis, Bob Bass, Lee Klein, Ashton Wright, and Jeremy Keller. Not pictured are Hancock's Charles Borden and Bay High's Terrace Thomas.



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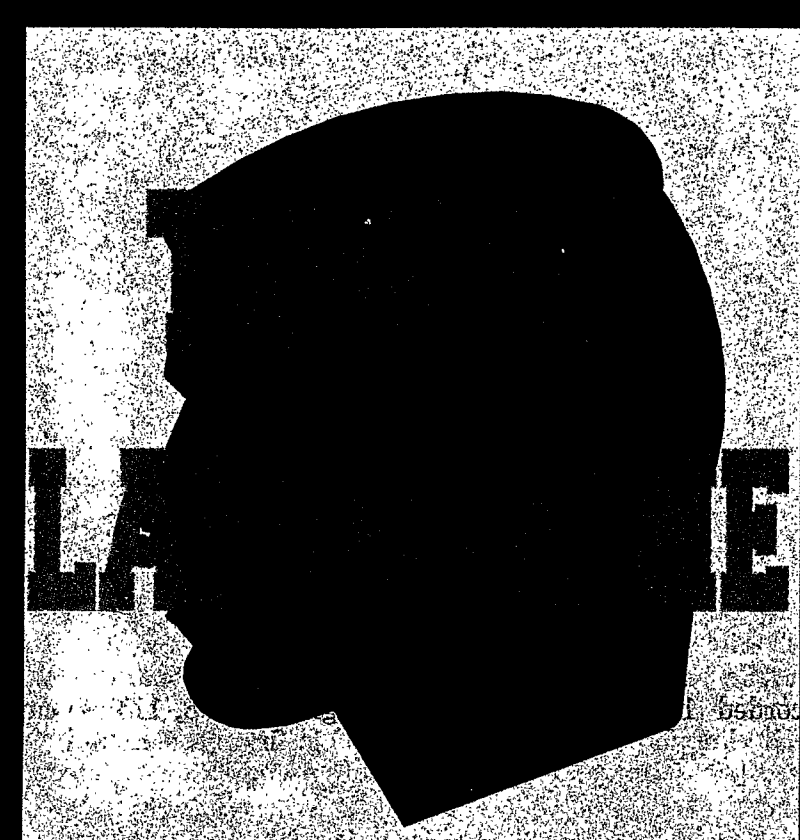
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2001 All-Sea Coast Echo Football team

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

The whistles have ceased. The blood, sweat, and tears have stopped flowing. The 2001 high school gridiron season has finally come to an end. For many, it is the last time they will ever play the game on a competitive level. For others, there is always next year. Now, we pay tribute to those players who excelled at their positions and naming them to the 2001 All-Sea Coast Echo football team.

It was a sensational year for the four area teams of Bay High, Hancock, Pass Christian, and St. Stanislaus. The Pirates finished their season with a 9-2 record and a first-round state playoff appearance as the Division 8 runner-up. The Tigers ended their 2001 campaign with a 7-5 record, a first-round state playoff appearance, and an invitation to the 62nd annual Shrimp Bowl in Biloxi. The Hawks finished the season with a 7-4 record and narrowly missed the state playoffs after moving up to Class 5A in 2001. The Rocks endured some growing pains as they ended the 2001 season with a 2-8 record.

The 2001 All-Sea Coast Echo team was chosen based on performance during the season and nominations from coaches of each school. Pass Christian and Bay High each placed eight members on the first team. The Hancock Hawks had six players named while SSC added five players to the first team.

The 2001 All-Sea Coast Echo offense is led by Offensive Player of the Year Kalvin Woods from Pass Christian. Other members of the offense from Pass Christian are RB Maurice Hardnett, WR Reggie Dedeaux, and OL Craig Necaise. The Bay High Tigers tallied five members on the offense including RB Monroe Jordan, RB Charles Hawkins, OL Kenny Smith, OL Seth Weigel, and PK Tim Wright. Those receiving first-team recognition from Hancock were QB Brandon Necaise, OL Donny Moran, and all-purpose player Chase Sackett. Gabe Willis, a wide receiver, and OL Bob Bass took home first-team honors for the Rocks.

Kalvin Woods (Sr., 5-11, 185lbs) earned Offensive Player of the Year honors for 2001 because whenever the ball crossed the goal line for the Pirates he was always involved. Woods rarely left the field for the Pirates during the game as he played quarterback, defensive back, punter, kicker, and was the return man on special teams. However, Woods' star shined brighter at quarterback where he rushed for 1,009 yards on 118 carries and scored 12 times. He completed 42 of 88 passes for 819 yards and 13 touchdowns. Woods is a two-time pick on the All-Echo team.

Hardnett (Jr., 6-1, 210lbs) carried the ball 119 times for 1,012 yards and scored 10 touchdowns for the Pirates. He averaged an amazing 8.5 yards per carry. Hardnett, a three-year starter, should be one of the Coast's most coveted college recruits next season.

Wide Receiver Richard Dedeaux (5-10, 180lbs), a four-year starter, ended his senior season with 30 catches for 570 yards and 10 scores. He averaged 19 yards per reception for the Pirates. Dedeaux is a repeat selection on the All-Echo team.

Craig Necaise (5-10, 185lbs), a three-year starter, anchored a solid Pirate offensive line from the guard position.

Bay High's offensive backfield provided the Tigers with a serious one-two punch in

Monroe Jordan and Charles Hawkins. Jordan (Jr., 5-10, 195lbs), a first-year starter, carried the ball 303 times for 1,047 yards and scored 100 points this season. Hawkins (Sr., 5-11, 185lbs), a two-year starter for the Tigers, scored in every game of his senior season except one. Hawkins carried the ball 227 times for 722 yards.

Bay High's Kenny Smith and Seth Weigel helped open holes for the talented Tiger backfield. Smith (Sr., 5-10, 260lbs) is a three-year starter on the offensive line for the Tigers. It is no wonder that he recorded 22 pancake blocks in two seasons because he is described by his coaches as the best drive blocker on the team. Weigel (Sr., 6-0, 230lbs), a two-year starter, also helped flatten the opposing defensive line with 15 pancake blocks in two years.

Placekicker Tim Wright (Sr., 6-4, 225lbs) has established himself with a strong leg. Wright has captured the attention of some college scouts and has a terrific chance of kicking at the next level. In 2001, Wright converted on five of seven field goals with a long of 46 yards. He scored 47 points in 2001 off field goals and PATs. Wright also had 97% of his kick-offs land in the endzone for touchbacks.

Quarterback Brandon Necaise (Jr., 6-1, 185lbs) of Hancock completed 59 of 129 passes for 744 yards and 11 touchdowns. Necaise also tallied three rushing scores of his own. He is a three-year starter but is only a junior. Look for bright things from this junior gem in Kiln during 2002.

Senior offensive lineman Donny Moran (Sr., 6-3, 280lbs) helped protect Necaise in Kiln this season. Moran recorded a 92% blocking percentage and did not give up a sack during 2001.

All-Purpose player Chase Sackett (Sr., 5-9, 170lbs) was just that for the Hancock Hawks. He could line up anywhere on the field and help the Hawks. During the season, Sackett played defensive back, punter, kicker, and running back. The senior was three-of-three on field goals and 30-of-31 on extra points. He recorded 40 tackles on defense and tallied 427 yards rushing on offense. He intercepted five passes, scored four times, and averaged 39 yards punting in 2001.

St. Stanislaus placed two players on the first-team offense. Wide receiver Gabe Willis (Jr., 5-6, 135lbs) and offensive lineman Bob Bass (So., 6-1, 225lbs). Willis, a speedy two-year starter, led the Rocks with 57 catches for 886 yards and eight scores. The marks for catches and yards are single-season records at SSC. Willis averaged 15.5 yards per catch in the Rocks pass happy offense. In 2001, Willis totaled 1,389 all-purpose yards. Bass, a two-year starter, helped keep pressure off the Rock quarterback long enough to find Willis escaping down field.

The 2001 All-Sea Coast Echo first-team defense takes the field under the direction of Defensive Player of the Year Adam Barrett of Bay High. Other nods on the first-team defense for Bay High were DL

Adam Barrett (Sr., 6-2,

210lbs), a four-year starter, has always been known for his toughness at the inside linebacker position. However, this season the toughness took on a different meaning for the senior linebacker. In the third game of the season, Barrett went down with a serious shoulder injury. Barrett, not knowing how to quit, was back in the lineup the next game at linebacker showing the grit and determination that colleges love to see. Barrett, also the Tigers' quarterback, recorded 59 solo tackles and one interception. He had a career high 17 tackles against SSC in the fifth game of the year. Barrett was a first-team linebacker in 2000.

Brent Pitre (Sr., 6-0, 195lbs), a two-year starter, was a solid performer on the defensive front for the Tigers. He tallied 62 solo tackles and six fumble recoveries. He also scored two defensive touchdowns in 2001.

Terrace Thomas (Sr., 5-10, 175lbs) was a two-year starter in the defensive backfield for the Tigers. He recorded 49 solo tackles and led the team with six interceptions.

Jason Lizana (Sr., 6-0, 210lbs) started the past three seasons at defensive tackle for the Pirates. In 2001 Lizana tallied 113 total tackles and 12 quarterback sacks. His tackle total included 47 solos and seven tackles for loss. Lizana also recovered two fumbles.

Rovell Thomas (Sr., 6-3, 210lbs) started three years for the Pirates on the defensive line. This year Thomas tallied 35 tackles and six quarterback sacks.

Ledeal Johnson (So., 5-8, 150lbs), a two-year starter, recorded 103 total tackles and 10 interceptions. Johnson had 46

solo hits, three quarterback sacks, and six tackles for loss. He added two fumble recoveries to his repertoire.

Reggie Dedeaux (Sr., 5-9, 160lbs) has started in the defensive backfield for three seasons for Pass Christian. The twin brother of offensive first-team selection Richard Dedeaux collected 41 total tackles including 28 solo hits. He caused three fumbles and had four tackles for loss.

Matt Rayborn (So., 6-0, 220lbs) has started just one year in Kiln but is making his presence known. In 2001 Rayborn tallied 41 tackles including five for losses.

Linebacker Charles Bolden (So., 5-10, 170lbs) came up with big play after big play in Kiln this year. The first-year starter recorded 70 tackles, five fumble recoveries, and one interception. One of Bolden's fumble recoveries was returned for a score.

Defensive back Jed Duke (Sr., 5-7, 140lbs) played a whole lot bigger than he really is. The three-year starter at cornerback had 38 tackles, a fumble recovery, and three interceptions. One of Duke's interceptions was returned for a school record 99 yards.

Three members from St. Stanislaus made the cut on defense. Lee Klein, Ashton Wright, and Jeremy Keller achieved first-team recognition for their play.

Linebacker Lee Klein (Fr., 5-10, 175lbs) is the first freshman named to the All-Sea Coast Echo team. In 2001 Klein recorded 103 total tackles and recovered two fumbles.

Defensive back Ashton Wright (Sr., 5-8, 175lbs) carried on his first season as a starter with 40 tackles, two forced fumbles, and three interceptions.

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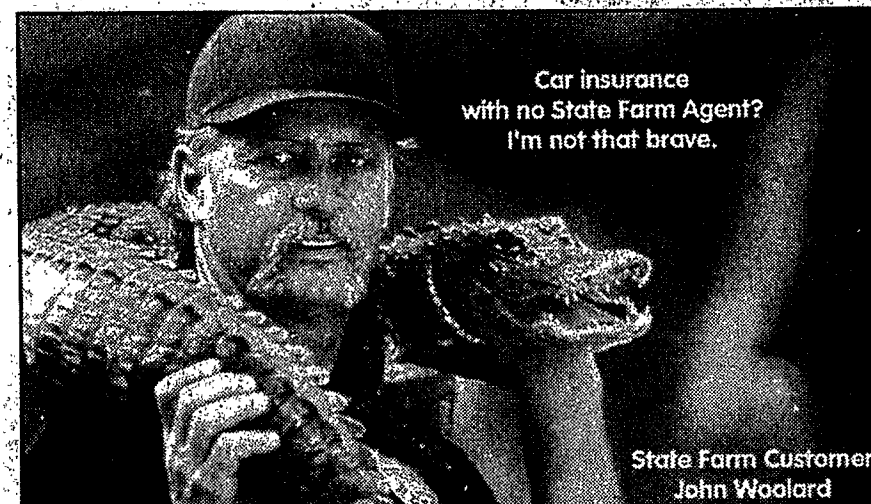
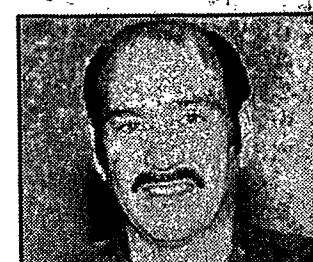
Crittenden, WB David Brown, TE Steve Dauenhauer, RB Ervin Jackson, LB Robbie Domke, LB Rickey Underwood, and LB Darren Elliott. Pass High's WR Chad Musgrove and SSC's RB/QB Jeremy Lewis each made the honorable mention team.

Well, pack away the pads and fold the jerseys until 2002. See you in August!

bles, and three interceptions. Punter Jeremy Keller (Jr., 5-9, 155lbs) earned the punting job at SSC in his first season as a starter. Keller tallied 51 punts for 1,816 yards and a 35.6-yard average. He had a long punt of 53 yards in 2001.

The 2001 honorable mention team selections for Bay High include WR/DB Johnny Hozey and DL Michael Simpkins. The honorable mention selections

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The Sea Coast Echo

SPORTS

Defense lets Tigers sweep Hancock

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Bay High Tigers used some in-your-face defense to sweep two games from the visiting Hancock Hawks on Tuesday in the Tiger Dome.

If defense is what you love, then the varsity girls' game was what you wanted to see. The Lady Tigers and Lady Hawks battled to a 46-46 tie in regulation and headed into overtime, where Bay High claimed a 56-52 win.

Sophomore Brooke Necaie of Hancock made one of two shots at the charity stripe with :14 left to tie the game and send it into extra minutes.

Free throw shooting, a liability to the Lady Tigers in the second half of regulation, became their saving grace in the overtime period. Bay High went five-for-six at the line to ice the game.

Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett said, "We did what it took to win the game. Our free throw shooting in the second half left a lot to be desired. I thought we played hard tonight and with some aggressiveness. We played a 1-3-1 matchup defense on Hancock and that helped us down the stretch. While we did not go as deep into our bench as they did, we were able to wear them down some in the second half. It was a good win for us at home. I was pleased with the performance of everyone."

The Lady Hawks (7-4) opened up a 16-6 lead on Bay High in the first period as Brooke Necaie scored the final six points of the period for Hancock.

Devin Necaie opened the scoring for Hancock in the second period with a jumper to give the Lady Hawks their biggest lead of the game 18-6. After that, the Lady Tigers began to chip away at the lead with some aggressive defense down low. Carmen Labat led the Lady Tiger charge with nine points in the second period. By halftime, the Lady Tigers had cut the lead to 25-22.

Despite their free throw woes in the second half, the Lady Tigers found other ways to get points on the board and spread the wealth around.

In the third period, the Lady Hawks used fresh legs against the Lady Tigers. Bay High chipped away at the lead and eventually took command of the game with 1:07 left in the period. Carmen Labat's jumper gave the Lady Tigers their first lead of the game and Bay High ended the period with a slim 38-37 lead.



The Bay High Lady Tigers defeat the Hancock Lady Hawks Tuesday night at the Tiger Dome in Bay St. Louis.

The fourth period was basket-for-basket between the two teams. Brooke Necaie gave the Lady Hawks a 45-43 advantage with 3:35 left. However, Kendra Reed and Bay High stole the lead back less than a minute later with a two-point basket and a foul shot. That set the stage for overtime.

Bay High outshot the Lady Hawks 10-7 in the extra period as Hancock did not lead in overtime.

Stephanie Reed nailed a huge three-pointer with 1:22 left in overtime to make the score 53-48 and to seal the win for Bay High.

Hancock head coach Pam Slayton commented, "We gave a good effort tonight and did some really good things, but they just outplayed us. We had a difficult time getting the baskets that we needed. Some of the shots that we took typically fall for us, but not tonight. As poorly as we played shooting the ball, we were able to take the game to overtime and position ourselves for the win. We played our game, but we just weren't effective with the shots we took. We had a consistency problem on the court tonight. We played well tonight at times and then just had some lapses that cost us."

Kendra Reed led all scorers with 17 points followed by Carmen Labat and LaMonica James with 14 and 10 points. Stephanie Reed had eight points for Bay High. Brooke Necaie and Devin Necaie each scored 15 points for the Lady Hawks while Latisha Shiyoun added 10 points.

In the boys game, the defensive pressure of the Tigers

forced some critical turnovers for Hancock early in the contest. So, from early on the Hawks were playing catchup and fatigue set in as Bay High claimed the 73-52 win.

Hancock head coach Michael Ladner said, "We got outplayed early on. We gave a solid effort but committed some mental mistakes that resulted in turnovers at critical times in the game. We need to learn to play smarter basketball at crucial times in the game. We were not able to get the ball to Cody Ladner as much as we would have like to tonight. The Bay High Tigers used their defensive pressure on us to force us into the turnovers. And, they did a good job of being patient with their offensive sets to get the shot they wanted after the turnover."

Bay High (6-4) ended the first period with a commanding 23-10 lead. The Hawks (4-7) cut the lead to 40-29 with :44 left in the first half when Matt Ladner connected on five-of-six free throws in the last minute of play. Matt Ladner finished the game with 12 points and going 9-of-10 at the line. The halftime score had Bay High leading 43-29.

Brandon Necaie and Marcus Ladner sparked the Hawks off the bench and cut the Bay High lead to nine points 53-44 with 1:06 remaining in the third period. But, Eric Hunt scored a basket for Bay High with :11 left to play in the period to give the Tigers a 55-45 lead heading into the final period.

Crucial turnovers by the Hawks to start the final period led to a Bay High 7-0 run that put the game out of reach for

the Hawks.

Bay High head coach Danny Grieves commented, "Our defensive play tonight was a big key to the win for us. We stepped up our defensive pressure and it forced Hancock into some turnovers. Fortunately, we were able to convert those turnovers into points on the offensive end as we patiently worked our offensive sets. We talked about containing and contesting before the game."

"I thought Renard Elzy played a very unselfish game tonight. He helped to get other people involved in the game. Renard is now playing a more disciplined game. Zack Nichols played a solid game for us on both ends. Corey Todd was a warrior down low and hit the boards hard and recorded a double-double tonight. We have players that are now beginning to understand their roles on the team. We are getting to where we need to be in that aspect. Eric Hunt and Leif Dasco played a tremendous defensive game against Cody Ladner tonight. Cody Ladner could be star for any team along this Gulf Coast. Coach Michael Ladner does a wonderful job with his athletes but it is difficult to simulate quickness in practice. I thought tonight our quickness helped us against Hancock. Plus, the depth on our bench stepped up and played hard."

Corey Todd led all scorers with 22 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for the double-double. Renard Elzy also tipped the stat sheet with a double-double scoring 20 points and grabbing 10 boards for the Tigers. Zack Nichols scored 13 points, 5 steals, three assists, and four rebounds for the complete game.

Hancock was led by Matt Ladner's 12 points and Cody Ladner chipped in 11 points.

The Bay High Tigers will be on the road against Vandeave on Friday, December 14, while the Hancock Hawks travel north to play the Hattiesburg Tigers.

The next home game for both teams will be in the "War on the Shore" at the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium on Saturday, December 22.

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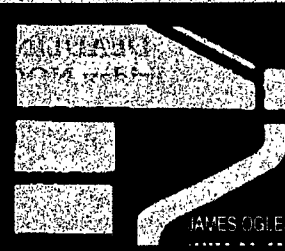
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The junior varsity team also won last weekend, beating Vandeave 2-1. Saturday, Heather Bourgeois and Robin Fletcher scored goals for the Lady Tigers. Jessica Hearty had two assists.

BAY HIGH-POPLARVILLE

The Bay High Lady Tigers defeated Poplarville 4-2 Tuesday night in division soccer action. Sky Thomas and Katie Fillingame scored two goals each for Bay High. Robin Fletcher, Thomas and Fillingame had assists. Coach Lee Bosarge noted the "outstanding defensive play from Jeanne Bonnet Martin, Nike Grieves and Samantha Billingsley."

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46 Home Improvement

QUALITY HOME REPAIRS IN OLDER HOMES coast wide, all skills including plaster repair. 36 years experience. Call Thad, 396-6054.

SONNY CUEVAS CONSTRUCTION: ADDITIONS new construction, remodeling, roofing, painting, etc. Licensed and bonded, references. 30 years experience, free estimates. 466-9118.

56 Services Offered

A & A TRASH HAULING GOT TRASH? Give us a call! 467-8571.

Dumptruck & Tractor Service
All types dirt, grading, leveling, limestone driveways built and repaired.
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AAA TRASH HAULING AND GRASS cutting. 467-1577 or 467-4266, anytime.

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Safe & Courteous
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ANCHOR SERVICE SALES (Danny Lachner) Marine pile driving, dredging, hoist demolition, salvage, dozer, track-hoe work, fill dirt, gravel. Experienced State License Contractor. 617-9006.

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B & C LAND SERVICES, DIRT HAULING, DOZER, tractor, excavator work. Business 228-467-0426. Fax 228-467-9696. Cell 228-806-4496. Cell 228-493-7896.

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RELIABLE LAWN SERVICE: YARDS cut, limbed. References and free estimates. Call 467-2304.

66 Child Care

HOME DAY CARE IN Waveland, HAS Current openings. Call today. 467-8095.

INFANT CARE: GOOD REFERENCES, Experienced, please call 463-1236, leave message. No calls after 7:30 p.m.

73 Help Wanted

\$1,500 A MONTH PT-\$4,500-\$7,200 FT. Work in home, international company needs Supervisors & Assistants. Training. Free booklet. 800-954-6464 Aim2Gain.com

81 Appliances

ELECTRIC STOVE: GOOD CONDITION, \$200, obo. Under cabinet microwave, \$50. 467-4568.

PAUL'S APPLIANCE REPAIR SERVICE: Only \$19.50 for service calls in Bay/Waveland area. We buy, sell or trade all appliances. 90 day warranty on all sales and service. 493-0822.

REBUILT WASHERS AND DRYERS: Fully guaranteed. We have parts and do repair. We also buy used appliances. Bay Washers. 467-6122.

82 Antiques, Collectibles

GREAT GIFTS! GREAT PRICES! ANTIQUES, collectables and sports memorabilia, at Cullen's Cottage 546 Main St. BSL. Come visit the other end of Main St.

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83 Items For Sale

2 GO CARTS, 2 SEATERS, LIKE NEW \$650, each. Ask for Santo 466-4661.

FISHER PRICE WORK BENCH & LEGO table, \$75 for both or \$40 each. 467-2215 after 5 p.m.

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HENLEY TIMBER COMPANY

We would like to buy your logs, poles,
pulpwood and hardwood timber.
Small tracts or large tracts.
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128 Boats & Motors

20 FOOT WELLCRAFT, CUDDY CABIN
Galaxy, Inboard/outboard, V6 Merc.
\$5000. Call Mike 463-0831.

130 Motorcycles

1997 HONDA SHADOW, 1100 CC. ON-
LY 10,000 miles. Selling due to illness.
Must sell \$5,500. 466-4877.

**CHRISTMAS
ATV SALE!**
50cc Mini-Rex ATV
Only \$999
While Supplies Last.
Hattiesburg Cycles
800-807-0114
Call Today!!

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cross S12, F90/90/21, \$52. R 130/90/19,
\$60. Bridgestone Goldwing R-150/90/15,
\$125. Honda Shadow, Dunlop White wall,
K-555R 170/80/15, \$155. K-177F
120/70/18, \$125. Bridge Stone Sport BT
010, ZR 160/60/17, \$115. ZR 120/60/17,
\$90. Field Sheer Riding Jacket Airblade
black/red/silver, size 40, \$200. All motor-
cycles batteries in stock, 25% off. Wave-
land Cycles. 228-467-5557.

136 Automobiles

1989 GRAND MARQUIS RUNS GREAT
119,800 Miles, \$2,000 OBO. Call 601-
799-3256.

1990 NISSAN 240 SX FOR SALE NO
ENGINE will part out. Call 463-1478.

1998 CHEVY 1500 4X4 38K Miles 350
V8 short bed like new, \$14,995 or \$259 a
month. Credit no problem Jimmy Stock-
still Motors 1-800-798-9133.

96 GEO TRACKER. EXCELLENT
COND. 60K Miles. Auto-AC new tires.
\$4900 Local owned. 467-6086.

99 JEEP CHEROKEE, 99 CHEVY BLAZ-
ER, 99 Ford Explorer. All sharp \$12,995,
or 2499 Mo. Jimmy Stockstill Motors 1-
800-798-9133.

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles will be sold 30
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VIN#2P4FH51C213R660223
1997 Kia Sportage
VIN#KNDJB7233V5533646
1992 Mercury S.V.
VIN#1MECM5540NA602875

Sam's Auto & Wrecker Service
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Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-5324

12/9; 12/13; 12/16/2001

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VIN# 1S1R1J2A5C210029

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9028 LADNER STREET
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143 Real Estate Services

"All real estate advertised herein is sub-
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based on race, color, religion, sex, handi-
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We will not knowingly accept any ad-
vertising for real estate which is in vi-
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146 Rooms For Rent

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PRIVATE BR HOUSE PRIVILEGES
NEAR Magic \$325 Month, 467-5628.

147 Apartments For Rent

1 & 2 BEDROOM, ALL ELECTRIC, CENT-
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water included. Starting at \$325/month,
plus deposit. Lease required. 463-0043,
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RAL A/H. Ask for A.J. 467-8401.

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SMOKE free. 718 Dunbar \$450 Month
\$450 dep. 467-1393.

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Brand New!! 1, 2 & 3 BR's
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Special

1/2 Off 1st Months Rent
2BR - \$242.50
3BR - \$277.50
*Reflects move in special
Open Saturday 9:00 - 3:00

Oak Villa Apartments
228-452-7005
Pass Christian, Ms.

BEAUTIFUL SAFE LARGE 2 BEDROOM
APT. with wrap around porch in wooded
area: 502 Sunset, BSL. \$495 month plus
deposit. 467-2562.

BSL, SMALL 2BR/1BA, CENTRAL H/A
water, paid, washer/dryer, rent \$450.
month. 467-1234.

BSL, EXTRA NICE, 1 BEDROOM, 1ST
month rent free. \$365/month. 467-7192.

CAPTAINS QUARTER-LUXURY FUR-
NISH APT. 1 bed 1 bath. Block to
beach/Old town Bay St. Louis. All inclu-
sive. \$65.00/night \$275/week.
\$600/month. Visa/Mastercard Safe-
rally. 466-9947.

CHARMING 1 AND 2 BEDROOM APTS.
Near beach. 467-6742.

DUPLEX APT. ON WAVELAND AVE.
\$500.00 per month. Call Chari @ Century
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FOR RENT IN WAVELAND ONE BED-
ROOM furnished apartment, near beach.
\$250 deposit \$400 month or \$125 week.
Beeper 463-4584.

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sewer, trash p-u. \$180 month 463-0036.

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2s from \$425, 3s from \$535. Call 452-
9901.

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\$575.00 month. 467-5628.

OAK PARK APARTMENTS: 2 BR, \$450
month, 1 month free, 10% discount for
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VERY NICE 1 BEDROOM APT. Delisle
area close to school & I-10. \$395 month.
Dep. Req. 865-9636

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utilities. Furnished 1 Brm. No
deposit/Short lease. 2 locations: Ocean
Springs: 228-875-0123, Bay St. Louis:
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2BR UNFURNISHED TRAILER UTILI-
TIES paid. Ask for A. J. 467-8401.

2BR/1BA TRAILER FOR RENT, in the
Klin. Pet-free environment. 255-9397.

3BR/2BA, NEW, STOVE, REFRIGERA-
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shed. Very nice. 228-467-4992.

NEWLY REMODELED, 2BR TRAILER.
Klin area. All electric appliances, central
A/H. \$400/month, \$200/deposit. Section
8 welcome. 255-6012 or 493-4150.

TRAILERS FOR RENT: 255-7180.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

1998 SPIRAL, 16X84, 3BR/2BA. Vinyl
siding, shingle roof, Cherry wood cabi-
nets and trim. Special features include:
built-in entertainment center, island
kitchen, his/hers closets, alarm system.
Excellent condition. Call 255-2541 for
appointment.

WATERFRONT, 2 BR, TRAILER, beau-
tiful high lot. \$22,000. Divorce sale. 344-
0296 or 467-5301.

2 BEDROOM COTTAGE, SHORT WALK
TO beach. Pet free, Key Properties 467-
0800.

2 BEDROOM, UNFURNISHED HOME IN
BSL. 1/2 block from beach. Screened
porch, central a/h, w/d hookups, kitchen
appliances. \$650/mo.+1mo. deposit. Call
467-4138

2BR/1BA, FENCED YARD. Washington
St., BSL. \$450/month. 467-8039 or 493-
1012.

3 BR. BRICK HOME, 811 VILLERÉ ST.,
Waveland. \$500 dep., \$600 per month,
467-5348.

308 CARROL AVE. BSL. LOVELY/NEW-
LY renovated 3BR/1 1/2 BA/Home. Central
A/H, high ceilings, hardwood floors.
Lg. screened porch. \$875/month, plus
Dep. 467-3061.

CHARMING GRAY BRICK, 3br/2ba, ga-
rage. Spanish Acres. \$625+deposit+utili-
ties. 466-4361 after 5:15. Anytime on
weekend.

DIAMONDHEAD: 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH,
fireplace, washer/dryer, very clean, pet-
free, \$825/monthly + deposit. 467-7345.

FOR LEASE OR SALE 4BR/3BA. In Jordan
River Shores. Water & sewage paid.
\$1135. month. Plus deposit. 228-255-
9545.

FOR LEASE: NEW 3BR, 2-1/2 BATH
DUPLEX, B.S.L. \$850/month. Call Chari
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HOMES FOR RENT: 343 POINDEXTER,
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1600+ sq. ft. Call Yolanda @ Remax By
the Bay. 228-216-5560.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA. FROM \$750 PER
month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-
3550.

SMALL, 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, Water-
front cottage, covered dock, a/c heat, stor-
age. \$450/month. \$350/deposit. Safe-
fish Realty 466-9947.

VERY NICE 3/2 IN DIAMONDHEAD
\$675.00 per month. Call Chari @ Century
21 McIntyre-Rapp 467-3777.

151 Furn. House Rent

1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, LOFT APART-
MENT. Fully furnished, with use of pool,
cathedral ceilings, \$495/month, \$300/de-
posit. 228-467-9912 or 228-342-1454.

FOR RENT TRAILER HOMES & HOUSES.
ES. 466-0315.

SMALL ONE ROOM COTTAGE. FUR-
NISHED. \$250 plus deposit. Pet-free.
466-4488.

156 Lots/Acreage

DEER PARK, 1 ACRE FOR MOBILE
home on paved road with community wa-
ter. \$625/down, \$145/per month for 15
years at 12% interest. Magnolia State
Properties, 1-800-388-3138.

IDEAL LOCATION FOR A BUSINESS!
Four (4) Lots for Sale. Klin/Waveland
Cut-off road Bay St. Louis, MS 467-3130.

158 Commercial Property

1100 SQ FT OFFICE ON HWY 90 B.S.L.
\$850/month. 467-5011.

215 HWY. 90 WAVELAND. SMALL
commercial building with heavy traf-
fic, excellent retail location. \$450 mo.
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corder.

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3777.

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mixed office & work areas. 1.23 acres lo-
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ville, MS. Owner will finance with favor-
able terms. \$99,900 or your best offer. Call
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OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE AVAILABLE:
Chattahoochee Village, Waveland, Ms. Phone
228-255-4396 or Pager 228-883-8554.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE, 900, SQ. FT.,
640 Hwy. 90, Waveland: \$575 per
month. Call Herb 467-0244, Caldwell
Banker Alfonso Realty.

159 Houses For Sale

3BR 2 BA 1700 SQ. FT. CATHEDRAL
Ceilings, security system, large fenced
lot. \$95,000 call 467-3210.

BANK OWNED PROPERTY 640/SQ.FT.
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100'x100' Lot on canal. \$34,900. Barbara
Delano Real estate 388-7417.

BRICK HOME, WELL ESTABLISHED
BSL, neighborhood, 3 bedrooms 2 tile
baths, kitchen w/appliances, central H/A,
spacious L-shaped living/dining patio,
fenced yard, double garage, high eleva-
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planade Ave. \$127,500. 467-9844.

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BRICK Veneer 3BR/2BA new w/w
carpeting, central H/A \$5000 down, pay-
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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL: 241 BAY OAKS
Drive, BSL. 3br/2bath, fireplace, new
above ground pool.
Reduced walk to beach 410 & 404 West
Fourth Street, Waveland.
616 Old Spanish Trail: 3br/2bath, fire-
place, new above ground pool and priv-
acy fence. Gold Coast. 228-467-4479.

HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER. Dia-
mondhead 3 bedroom 2 bath. 1853 sq. ft.
\$147,000.00. 586-1017.

I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR PROP-
ERTY, any condition. Will pay all closing
cost. Agents protected. O/A. (504)908-
7653.

KLIN, 2 NEW HOMES, 3BR/2BA, 1600
sq. ft., 9 ft. walls, high ceilings, walk-in
shower, whirl pool. \$89,000. each. 601-
798-9306.

Public Notices

Notice
Notice is hereby given that Mike Pernicino Mini Storage,
will sell to the highest bidder for cash the personal
property of Bill Suduth, whose unit no. is 43, and
whose last known address was 120 Forest St. Pass
Christian, MS. The sale shall take place at Mike Per-
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28th day of Dec. 2001.
12/06; 12/08; 12/13/01

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
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LOUIS G. ELLIS, SR. PLAINTIFF
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SYBIL CORDELLA TRAPP ELLIS DEFENDANT
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NO. 2001-839
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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Your response must be mailed or delivered not later
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Entertainment



The cast of *The Last Mailing Day Before Christmas*, which will be performed at the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre this Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.; and Sunday at 3 p.m. Proceeds from the show will benefit the Hancock County Food Pantry.

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This Christmas, the Bay St. Louis Little Theater will be sponsoring "Twas The Last Mailing Day Before Christmas," a fast-paced comedy-drama to be presented at the theater on

the weekend of Dec. 14-16.

The musical is being presented by Hancock County area churches and will benefit the Hancock County Food Pantry.

"Twas The Last Mailing Day Before Christmas," directed by Syd and Angie DeFraites, is a musical production that explores the "why do we do it?" aspect of Christmas.

The frenzied activities that usually surround the holidays eventually give way to the deeper meaning, the message of hope, that Christmas brings to the world.

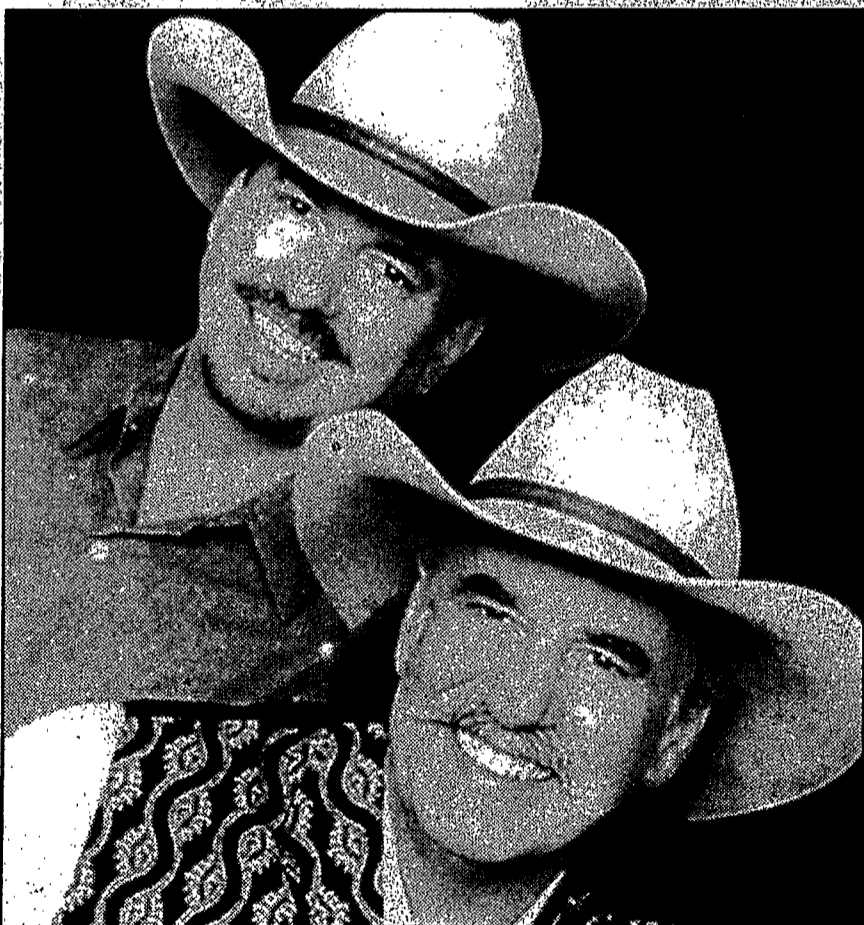
Comedy, new songs, and poignant dialogue are intertwined to make this a family

holiday event to remember. The musical will be free of charge, and will also serve as an opportunity for the community to make donations to the Food Pantry.

Performance times at the Bay St. Louis Little Theater on Boardman Avenue are: Friday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.; and a Sunday, Dec. 16 matinee at 3 p.m.

Regular admission to the theater has been waived, and everyone is asked to bring a donation of non-perishable food items.

For additional information, contact 467-4488 or by e-mail at wofbsl@aol.com.



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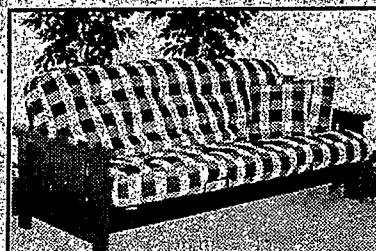
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A Return to a Traditional Christmas Celebration

Many people lament that the holiday season has become too commercial over the years, and the true essence has been lost. For those who yearn for a return to a traditional celebration, here are some ways to create a festive atmosphere with a little ingenuity and without spending a lot of money,

according to Lillian Vernon, founder of the Lillian Vernon catalogs and www.lillianvernon.com.

- Create your own ornaments. Decorate pine cones with glitter and paint, then arrange them around the tree. Make handmade ornaments using flat clothespins that attach to the tree. Cut

different colored felt pieces into the shapes of an angel, snowman, Santa Claus and ballerina using cotton, sequins and colored pipe cleaners as decorative accents.

- Make a popcorn and cranberry garland. Alternate popcorn and cranberries by threading with a needle onto a string. Delicately hang on the tree or around a door-frame. This is a fun activity for the entire family or if you're hosting a tree-trimming party.

- Bring out the best with bows. Wrap brightly colored ribbon and garland through stair railings and tie a big bow on the banister.

- Make your own front door or mantel bell arrangement. Wrap foil around three paper cups to make the bells and punch a hole through the top of each cup. String them together with ribbon and top with a large bow.

- Celebrate around the hearth. String ribbon across the mantel and top with strands of garland trimmed with pine cones and paper snowflakes.

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Easy Tips for Hosting a Holiday Feast

(MS) — There is no better time of year to throw a party than during the holiday season. But whether you are planning a meal for four or festivities for 40, a great holiday party needs inspired food and wine. The following tips from Gallo of Sonoma Winery will help keep your menu organized and guarantee that your seasonal soiree is the one everyone is talking about well into the New Year!

- **Managing the menu:** The larger your party, the more tastes you will have to satisfy. Ham, turkey and goose are long-time holiday favorites, so they are likely to please a crowd. When choosing the wine, consider serving one white and one red to give your guests a choice.

- **Play the part of matchmaker:** Many wines enhance the flavors of food, and vice-versa, so choose food and wine that complement each other. Holiday dishes are traditionally rich in flavor and not too spicy, making them excellent matches for a number of wines. Gallo of Sonoma Winery suggests serving Chardonnay with ham, as the buttery fruit flavors of the wine marry well with the entrée's sweet taste. However, when serving meatier dishes, like turkey, many people prefer drinking a red wine like Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot. But



Every great party needs inspired food and wine, and these easy tips from Gallo of Sonoma Winery are all you need to host a holiday party that guests will remember all year long.

remember, the best bottle of wine is the one that tastes good to you, so be sure to serve a wine that you like, no matter what's in the oven.

- **Prevent a drought:** Make sure you have enough wine for your guests. The standard bottle of wine is 750 m.l. and contains about five servings of wine. White wines are best served cold, so chill the bottles for at least 45 minutes in the refrigerator before opening; serve red wine at room temperature. When the party's over, bottles can be recorked and should last another two or three days in the fridge.

- **Service with style:**

Presentation of food and wine is just as important as the flavor. Light table decorations like tea light candles or fresh greenery add a touch of holiday elegance. Neutral tableware is simple and sophisticated and will complement any décor. Serve your wine in clear, stemmed glasses. Aside from the aesthetic factor, lifting a glass from the stem prevents the temperature of your hand from warming the wine.

Savvy planning and presentation is of the essence in establishing a festive mood for your holiday party. But most important: it's your party, so enjoy it!

Tradition

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the holiday dinner table. Make place cards in the shape of little gift boxes using colored construction paper and ribbon. Write the guests' names on the front of the place cards and set one on top of each plate.

- **Wrap the dinner table:** Drape a solid-colored tablecloth over your dinner table and cross with colored ribbon to give the effect of gift-wrap. A grouping of candles can create an elegant centerpiece when garnished with garland, pine cones and candy canes.

- **Create a personal gift:** Sentimental gifts often come with a small price tag but will be remembered forever. Restore old family photos and place them in an album or in small frame ornaments to hang on the Christmas tree. Research your family history and write it in a decorative bound book.

• **Give a gift of togetherness:** Arrange to take dancing, cooking, sailing or singing lessons together. Reserve a room at a bed-and-breakfast with dinner and a

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Make Holiday Traveling Worry-Free This Season

(MS) — Do you have an Aunt in Idaho? A grandmother in Georgia? Perhaps your parents live overseas? Families are no longer centralized to one specific area as they were in the past, and this holiday season you may be spending Christmas, Chanukah or Kwanzaa away from home visiting friends and family.

Many people are leery about leaving their home unattended when traveling, fearing it could be a target for burglary. Or they worry that something devastating might happen while they're away. How many times have you left for just a short while uncertain if you turned off the stove, locked the door or left a light on? Yet, it is possible to take some of the anxiety out of holiday traveling if you follow a few simple tips, courtesy of Honeywell.

• **Make a checklist** — Write down all of the items you want to double-check before locking up the house. Include those pesky things that haunt you after you've been traveling for hours, like electric coffee pots, stove burners, irons, window locks, etc. Once you physically check off each item you'll feel more secure.

• **Select a neighborhood**



Enjoy peace of mind when you do holiday traveling.

buddy — Enlist the help of a close neighbor who will keep an eye on your house while you're away. That person can also collect mail and newspapers that may accumulate, so attention won't be drawn to an empty home. Perhaps he or she can also park a car in your driveway on occasion so that it looks like the house is still lived-in.

• **Install a telephone access module** to your home's heating/cooling system — This item gives you secure, remote control over your heating, ventilation and air conditioning while you are away from home. Such systems can be accessed by any touch-tone telephone, standard phone line and your passcode. Not only can you dial into your system to adjust the temperature of the home, it can also call you in case of a heating/cooling system problem.

The system also provides better comfort. You won't arrive home after the festivities are over to find your house doubling as an igloo or a sauna. Just adjust the

temperature remotely so that it will be comfortable when you arrive.

• **Make use of timers** — Nothing says "no one's home" more than a dark house. Set timers to coincide with your normal schedule, so that lights go on and off when you usually use them. Also, if you've strung up holiday lights you may want to set those on a timer as well. Twinkling lights that were present in the window for all of December, which are suddenly dark come the holiday could attract attention.

You can even set a radio or television to a timer so that a house not only looks lived-in, it sounds like it also; further discouraging thieves.

• **Consider an alarm/sensor system** — Alarms can also provide peace of mind while you're traveling. If they're connected to the local police or fire station, you'll know your house will be checked should the alarm be tripped. You can enjoy the holidays away from home when you take some precautions before you depart.

Helpful Hints

Giving books as gifts is always a good idea, but it's not always easy to know what to look for. If you're thinking about giving a book as a gift this year, be sure to take a few minutes to verify the recipient's tastes.

For example, you may both share an interest in American history, but your interests may diverge in time periods. Also be sure to check how much your intended likes a particular topic. This may help you decide whether to purchase the a special edition hardbound copy or a simple, less expensive paperback.

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Celebrate the Holidays with Good Cheer — and Economic Sobriety

(MS) — The holidays are a time for celebrating, decorating, catching up with friends and family, and of course, gift-giving. Unfortunately, you can forget to factor these seasonal purchases into your yearly budget, which can put you in an unexpected financial bind. Given the present uncertainty about the economy, it can seem next to impossible to keep the holiday spirit alive without putting too much pressure on anyone's pocketbook.

According to Doug Stives, a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Personal Financial Specialist (PFS), consumers do not have to fall into this financial quandary year after year. There are many steps you can take to become financially disciplined.

"Shopping offensively and not defensively can help you find gifts that you can comfortably afford," says Stives, a partner at Wiss & Company in Red Bank, N.J. "Be sure to develop a plan of action before you shop and stick to it. That is the No. 1 rule. You want to avoid a situation where giving generously to others means you will have to spare yourself items throughout the rest of the year."

Stives offers additional budgeting pointers including:

- Create a budget ahead of time — Estimate the amount of money you plan to spend and how. Then keep a running journal of all costs and adjust appropriately along the way to make sure you don't overspend. Don't forget to calculate the cost for bows, ribbons and wrapping. Little purchases like gift-wrap, cards and postage



Don't let holiday shopping put you in a financial bind this year. Develop a plan, shop sensibly and try new, non-traditional gift ideas to help you keep the holiday spirit alive while going easy on your budget.

add up quickly.

- Think about charitable donations as gifts — This thoughtful demonstration of caring will not only make you feel good spiritually, but also economically. One donation can be applied to many friends and family members, plus you get the benefit of a tax deduction.

- Start shopping early — You are more likely to get what you want at a reasonable price and can readjust your gift ideas if they turn out to be too costly. In fact, you may want to have alternative gift ideas in mind in case the gift you're searching for is too expensive.

- Consider paying in cash — It may prevent you from becoming "trigger-happy" with your credit card. If you must use credit cards, do everything possible to pay the full balance each month to avoid finance charges.

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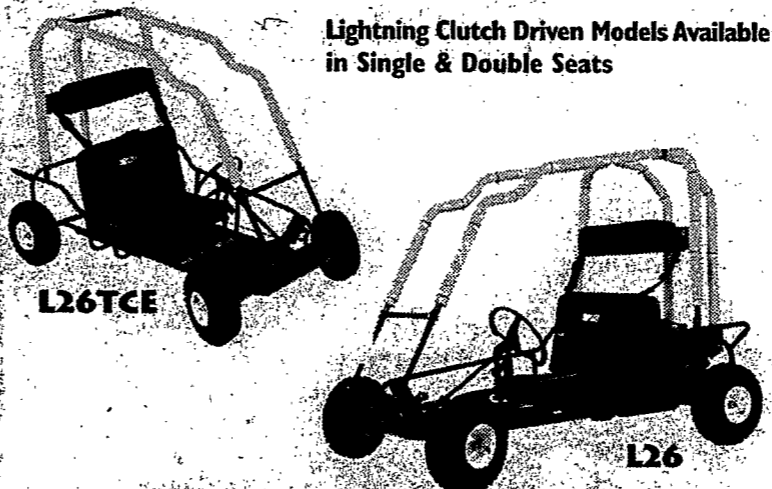
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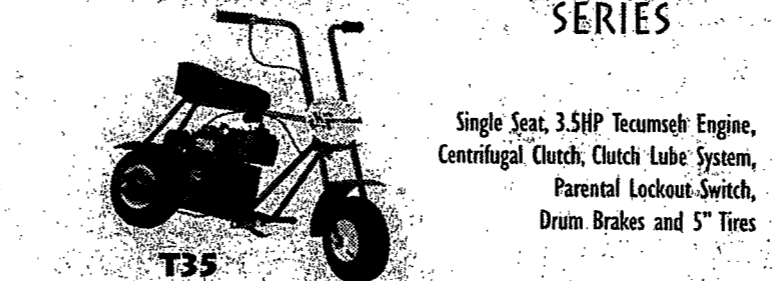
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The holidays are here again, bringing along the age-old questions of "What do I buy as gifts?" "What are my family's interests?" and "Where do I start?" Well, it's a high-tech world out there, and the computer whiz or the Internet

savvy individual might surely appreciate a gift that caters to their "techie" nature. And with so many gadgets available to choose from, your only dilemma might be setting a limit on how much fun you have deciding what to buy.

For on-the-go lifestyles, few can survive without a pocket-sized computer. The Microsoft® Windows™ powered Pocket PC can handle just about all of the functions of its larger desktop cousin.

One of the best things about this product is that once you purchase one as a gift, you'll know what to get the recipient of this handy gadget for each consecutive year — there are many accessories and add-ons for this pocket computer. Here are a few examples:

- Cases provide a great opportunity to customize the device to

suit the individual. You can personalize by style, color and material. Leather cases may help maintain the look of an executive, while one of rugged nylon fits the bill for the adventurer or weekend warrior.

- The stylus, the pen-like instrument used to operate the device, can range from the standard which comes with the computer to one with interchangeable tips that can act as a functional writing tool for use on paper as well as the PC.

- Software is also another option, and because most can be downloaded from the Web, this is one last-minute gift that can really be purchased at the last minute. From games to business applications, the list of possibilities is endless.

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Avoid Holiday Travel Breakdowns

Winter breakdowns are not just annoying, they're potentially deadly, warn the pros at the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

The long and short of preparation is timely vehicle maintenance. Read your owner's manual and follow the manufacturer's recommended service schedules. You can lessen the odds of mechanical failure through periodic maintenance.

Among the major items to check: battery and connections; radiator and hoses; the vehicle's heater, oil and filter, brakes and tires; and the transmission.

Make certain that engine performance problems (stalling, rough idling, etc.) are corrected before cold weather sets in.

Don't forget to inspect all lights and bulbs, keep plenty of washer fluid on hand and replace worn wiper blades. Carry emergency gear like boots, blankets, a shovel and high-energy snacks.

If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, seek out an ASE-certified auto technician at a reputable repair facility with a courteous staff, modern equipment in the service bays, and vehicles equal in value to yours in the parking lot. ASE offers the following suggestions on how to locate a good repair facility:



- Start shopping for a repair facility before you need one. Ask friends and associates for recommendations, consult local consumer organizations.

- Arrange for alternate transportation in advance so you will not feel forced to choose a shop based solely on location.

- Look for a neat, well-organized facility, with vehicles in the parking lot equal in value to your own, and modern equipment in the service bays.

- Look for a courteous staff, with a service writer willing to answer all of your questions.

- Look for policies regarding labor rates, diagnostic fees, guarantees, acceptable methods of payment, etc.

- Ask if the repair facility specializes or if it usually

handles your type of repair work.

- Look for signs of professionalism in the customer service area, such as civic, community or customer service awards.

- Look for evidence of qualified technicians: trade school diplomas, certificates of advanced course work, and certification by ASE.

- Reward good service with repeat business and customer loyalty.

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) was founded in 1972 as a nonprofit, independent organization dedicated to improving the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive technicians.

ASE-certified technicians wear blue and white ASE shoulder insignia and carry credentials listing their exact area(s) of certification. Their employers often display the blue and white ASE sign.

For a free brochure with wintertime automotive tips, send a self-addressed, stamped business-sized envelope to: ASE Winter Brochure, Dept. MC 301, 13505 Dulles Technology Dr., Suite 2, Herndon, VA 20171-3421.

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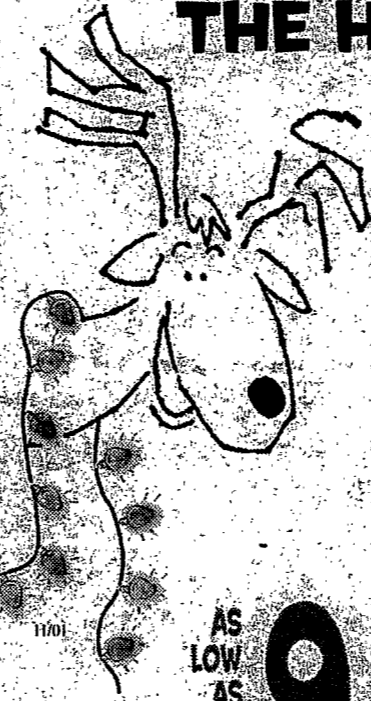
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- Finance sensibly — If you must finance some of your purchases, take advantage of programs offering "buy now, pay later" or "buy now with no interest until next year." If all else fails and you need to use credit cards to defer payments, use the lowest rate card you can find and only charge major purchases to it. Continue your affordable purchases on a different card on which you can afford to pay the full balance each month. This avoids paying interest on your routine charges.

- Buy it later — Take advantage of after-holiday sales by putting off some gift-giving until after the New Year.

- Get help — Seek pro-

fessional advice from a professional financial advisor like a CPA-PFS. The CPA-PFS designation identifies certified public accountants with expertise and experience in personal financial planning as well as accounting who provide their clients with objective financial planning advice. Log on to www.cpapfs.org to find a CPA-PFS in your area.

Whoever you choose to work with, says Stives, it is essential that the advice you receive is personalized to reflect your individualized financial planning needs. "You must select the smartest person who has your interests in mind and who is properly educated and trained in your special area of need."

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Stay In Shape During Holiday Travel, Holiday Family Feasts

Many people spend a portion of their holidays traveling the country's highways, soaring above on a plane or enjoying the hum of a commuter train on its tracks. While traveling it can be easy to forget healthy eating and exercise habits. Whether it's a weeklong stay at a five-star resort or a two-day meeting at an airport hotel, the American Council on Exercise (ACE) has tips for keeping fit and healthy.

BIG-CITY FITNESS

There is no excuse for not finding places to exercise when every city has a great staircase, stadium or tall buildings where you can master the stairs without a machine. If stairs aren't your thing, cities have lots of places like parks, malls, or walking paths — ideal for walking or jogging. (Walking will increase your fitness and decrease your taxi fares.)

Prior to departure, find out if your hotel has a workout facility and a pool, and remember to pack your bathing suit and workout clothes. If they don't have a facility, they may be affiliated with a local gym where you can get a one-day pass for a small fee. If you are strapped for time or no facil-

ity is available, most hotel rooms have enough floor space to allow you to do some push-ups, crunches, lunges, and stretching before starting your day. Plan a specific time each day or every other day to do your strengthening and cardiovascular routines (a good plan is to alternate days between the two).

FITNESS ON VACATION

If you are planning your next vacation, why not make fitness a theme. With some good logistics, you can get in a daily workout without it feeling like a chore. Skiing and backpacking are both activities that get you outside and get your heart pumping. If you aren't into scheduling your own events, check with local environmental organizations, recreation clubs or university programs to see what group vacations they offer. Kayaking, trekking, and scuba vacations are all very popular, and will incorporate fitness, fun and adventure. Just make sure you plan ahead so that you are in the proper shape, and properly trained, to take on these activities. So maybe hiking the Himalayas isn't your thing. Even if you choose to relax at a resort or on a tropical beach, you're still steps

from a good workout. Hit the pool or the ocean for a swim, walk the golf course instead of renting a cart, or challenge your travel partner to a jog down the beach (save the strolling for sunset).

INDULGE, BUT DON'T BULGE

Traveling often means eating what is available, and what's available isn't always healthy. A vacation is a time for indulgence, but keep these simple tips in mind, and you will be able to enjoy your meals without taking home extra baggage.

- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water, particularly if you are flying or are on long road trips.

- Eat at least three times per day to keep from feeling famished and overindulging. This will also give you energy for all of your vacation (or work) activities.

- Visit the local market to pick up healthy snacks to enjoy during the day.

Go ahead and splurge on regional dishes or local cuisine, even if they might be higher in fat and calories than you are used to. Just maintain a balance. If you splurge one night, make sure you add some extra activity and eat healthier the next day.

Prevent the Holiday Chills and Sniffles

It never fails. The holidays roll around and someone in the family catches a cold or gets the flu — causing them to look forward to their pillow and blanket rather than gifts under the tree. Why do these illnesses seem to strike when you least want them around? Could it be the cold weather?

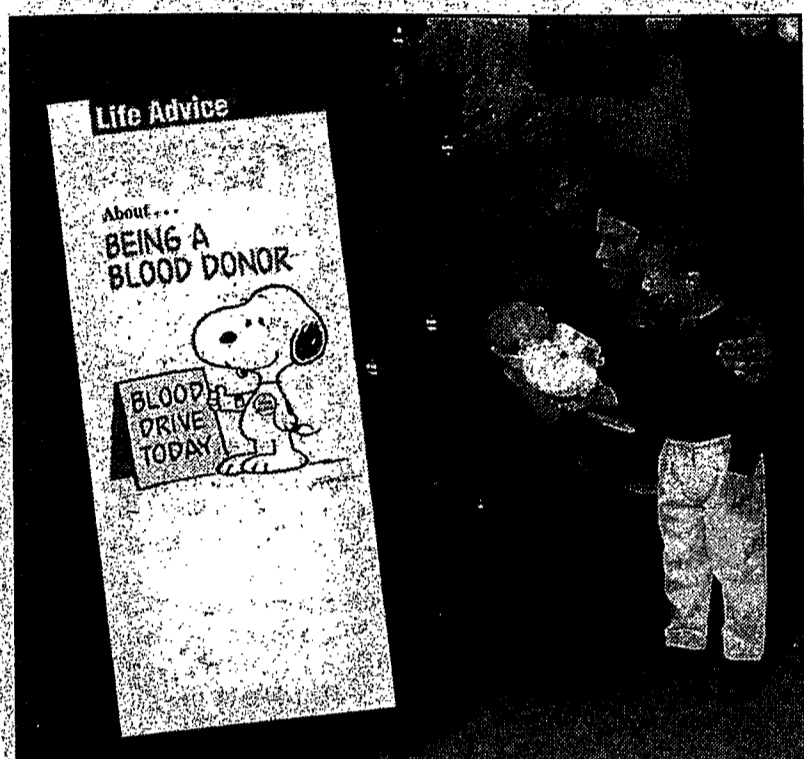
"Despite what your grandmother told you, you can't catch a cold from cold weather," explains Catharine Shaner, M.D., pediatrician with the American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI).

"Rather, the cold weather keeps most of us indoors, allowing us to spread more germs to each other via close contact." Low humidity which causes nasal passages to dry out, promotes a friendly environment for viruses, adds the doctor. Some of her tips for preventing a cold and flu this season include:

- washing your hands frequently to avoid spreading germs to others
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Give a helping hand this holiday season when you choose to become a blood donor.

Give the Gift of Life

The call to action to help those in need becomes even more poignant against the backdrop of this festive, spiritual time of year. Perhaps you would also like to make a memorable contribution this year, but don't know where to focus your efforts.

A blood donation is one way you can show your holiday spirit. While being a life-saver for many, giving blood also helps connect you to your local community and allows you to join a select rank of special volunteers. Because blood donations are particularly important, MetLife Consumer Education Center has developed a brochure titled, "Being a Blood Donor," with the help of several notable national health organizations in order to educate you about the process.

IN DEMAND

The demand for blood never wanes — every day

thousands of people need donations to live. Blood must go through time-consuming tests and be used relatively quickly or it will perish. As a result, maintaining an adequate blood supply is a challenge — especially when a disaster occurs, which may cause the need for blood to escalate.

HOW TO HELP

Healthy people should have no problem making a blood donation. The typical amount collected is one pint, and because the body has between 10 and 12 pints, it can easily spare a little for a good cause.

Blood drives are held throughout the year at schools, places of worship and other organizations in your community. The confidential, easy process takes less than an hour and involves three steps:

1. Screening — A complete health screening will deter-

mine if your blood supply is healthy. A drop of blood is taken from your earlobe or finger to check iron levels. You'll also be asked some personal questions about your health, lifestyle and disease risk factors — now's not the time to be shy!

2. Donating — After screening, the donation begins. The blood is collected into a bag and takes about 15 minutes.

3. Recovering — When

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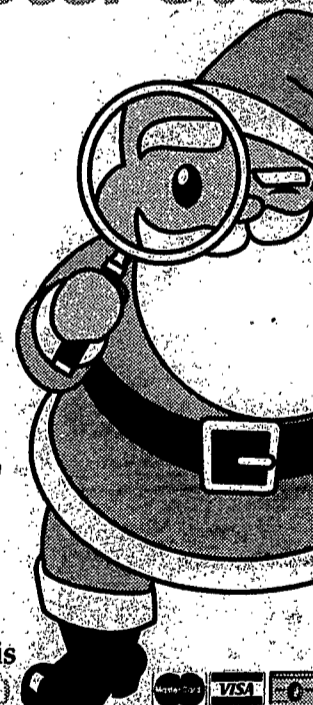
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Kwanzaa is based on Nguzo Saba, seven guiding principles: Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity), and Imani (faith). It is a time for African-Americans to come together and work toward a

better future, while remembering their past. When observing Kwanzaa, it is important for family members to select a central place in their home where they will celebrate. This area should be decorated in black, red and green, the colors of Kwanzaa. Black represents the African-American people, red represents their struggle, and green represents the future and hope that comes from their struggle. The basic symbols of the celebration are:

• Mazao (crops) — Fruits and vegetables represent the African harvest celebrations and the rewards of productive and collective labor.

• Mkeka (mat) — A place mat symbolizes tradition and history and, therefore, the foundation on which African-Americans build their lives.

• Muhindi (corn) — Ears of corn represent African-American children and their

future.

• Kikombe cha umoja (unity cup) — This is symbolic of the principle and practice of unity, which makes all else possible.

• Zawadi (gifts) — Presents symbolize the labor and love of parents and the commitments made and kept by the children.

• Kinara (candleholder) — Symbolizes African roots and the cultures connection to their parent people.

• Mishumaa saba or seven candles — These candles, one black, three red and three green, represent the Nguzo Saba.

Each day, one of the seven principles should be recited while the symbolic candle is being lit. Then, family members should tell what that principle means to them. Not only can this help people to reflect on the past and look toward the future, but it also can bring their family and community closer together.

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you're done, you'll be asked to stay and relax, and have some cookies and refreshments to replenish fluids. A slightly weak feeling is common, but subsides quickly.

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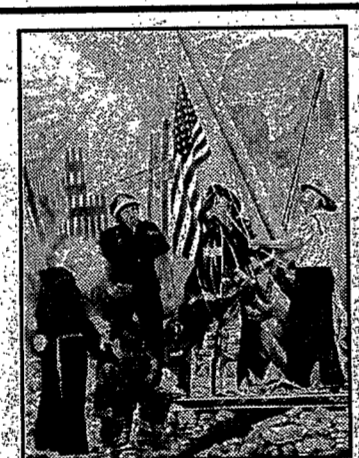


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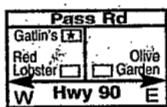
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Effective Ways to Deter Party-Impaired Driving

(TF) — We've all been warned about the dangers of driving while under the influence of alcohol or various illegal drugs, yet each year there is a new crop of people who fail to heed the warnings. That's why December has been named National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month — a time when communities across the country join with the National 3D Prevention Month Coalition to conduct public awareness and enforcement campaigns aimed at preventing impaired driving.

Here are some sobering statistics about the country's problem with impaired driving:

- Reducing alcohol-related traffic fatalities is one of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) top priorities. The national goal is to lower the death toll to no more than 11,000 by the year 2005.

- Each year, nearly 1.5 million impaired drivers are taken off of America's highways by law enforcement agencies because of tougher laws, sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols.

- Impaired driving is still a leading cause of death for people under the age of 30.

This time of year presents several opportunities for drinking to occur, partly because the month is filled with many festive holidays. Yet, these occasions can still be fun if you follow a few common-sense tips concerning alcohol, courtesy of The Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), a member of the National 3D Prevention Month Coalition:

1. When your guests arrive, collect their car keys. That way, when they are ready to leave, they must get a second opinion on whether they're sober enough to drive home.

2. Always serve food when alcohol is being consumed. High-protein and carbohydrate foods like cheeses and meats are especially good. They stay in the stomach much longer, which slows the rate at which the body absorbs alcohol.

3. Have several jiggers or self-measuring one-ounce bottle spoons at the bar to mix drinks. Guests are less likely to drink excessively when standard measures are used.

4. If you serve alcoholic punch, use a non-carbonated base such as fruit juice. The body absorbs alcohol faster when mixed with carbonation.

5. Do not force drinks on your guests or rush to refill their glasses when empty.

6. Stop serving alcohol about two hours before the party is over. Guests then have time for their bodies to absorb the alcohol consumed. Serve coffee or another non-alcoholic beverage as well as food.

7. If you observe a guest drinking too much:

- Engage him or her in conversation to slow down the drinking.

- Offer high-protein foods like pizza, shrimp or spareribs.

- Offer to make the next drink, using less alcohol and mixing it with a non-carbonated base.

8. Serve non-alcoholic beverages. It is possible that some of your guests will not want to drink alcohol.

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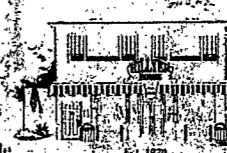
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